

BRIDGE STREET (Left Hand Side) Part 1 of 25

1789 – Peel Bridge was constructed as a Toll Bridge.

1912 – *“29th January 1912 Peel Bridge paved”*.

1924 – *“April to May, weir at Peel Bridge, Ramsbottom, reconstructed of concrete. A very good job made of it”*.

From ‘The Diary of Richard Barlow. A Ramsbottom Postman 1882 to 1925’.

Ramsbottom Paper Mill

1857 – Ramsbottom Paper Mill, Bridge Street, opens.

1859 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 108, 19th December 1859, Samuel Broadbent Ingham & James Broadbent Ingham, Trinity Paper Mill, Bridge Street, 19200 Square Yards, £200 0s 0d yearly rent.

1859 - Office near chimney has a date stone (JBT) “1859”.

1872 - Ramsbottom Paper Mill Co.

1875 - Engine House has a date stone & inscription (JBT) “RPM 1875”.

1880 Barrett’s Directory - Ramsbottom Paper Mill Co., Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Peel Bridge; Robert P. Skelton, Secretary.

1881 Census – 87 Bolton Street, Robert Pearson Skelton (26) born in Crewe, Cheshire and his wife, Sarah Ann (27) born in Ramsbottom with their 6 children.

1883 Barrett’s Directory - Ramsbottom Paper Mill Co., Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Peel Bridge; Robert P. Skelton, Secretary.

1888 Slater’s Directory - Ramsbottom Paper Mill Co., Ltd., near Ramsbottom Station - Robert Pearson Skelton, Secretary: Joseph Greenhalgh, Manager. Pay Day, second Wednesday – TA “Papier, RAMSBOTTOM”

1888 Slater’s Directory - Irwell View, Bury New Road, Joseph Greenhalgh.

1891 Census – Tower View, Lumb Carr Road, Robert P. Skelton (39) Secretary Paper Mill, born in Crewe, Cheshire and his wife, Sarah A. (38) born in Ramsbottom with their 8 children.

1891 Census – Irwell View, Bury New Road, Joseph Greenhalgh (32) Paper Mill Manager, his wife, Amelia (32) both born in Tottington and their daughter, Elizabeth (1) born in Walmersley.

1893 - *“The Ramsbottom Paper Mill Company, Limited, have greatly extended and improved their premises during recent years, and their works, which give employment to about 250 people, now constitute an important factor in the material wellbeing of the town.”*

“The Country & Church of the Cheeryble Brothers” by Rev William Hume Elliot, 1893. Page 151

1895 – *“If you had been alive a century ago and had chanced to pass the Ramsbottom Paper Mill Company in late January 1895, you would have seen one of the most important 19th Century inventions making its first appearance in the town. On 24th January 1895, 230 lights, which had taken four months to install in the mill, were switched on. They ranged from 16 candle power to 50 candle power (on the outside of the building) with two arc lights in the colour mixing department which, according to the Ramsbottom Observer ‘gave an illumination almost equal to daylight’.”*

Taken a larger article by John Simpson in the RHS Magazine No 11, Summer 1995.

1911 Census - Bridge Street, Paper Mill.

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - Ramsbottom Paper Mill Co., Ltd., Near Ramsbottom Railway Station. Robert P. Skelton, Secretary.

1924 Kelly’s Lancs Directory - Ramsbottom Paper Mill Co., Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Paper Maker, Peel Bridge; near Railway Station. Tel No 2; TA “Papier, Ramsbottom”.

1928 – Death of Robert Pearson Skelton (74) registered in Ramsbottom.

1964 – Change of name to Holcombe Paper Mill Co.

1968 – Change of name to Trinity Paper Mill Ltd.

1969/70 Official Guide Ramsbottom – Advert for “Trinity Paper Mill Ltd. Holcombe Division, Holcombe Paper Mill, Peel Bridge, Ramsbottom. Tel. Ramsbottom 2201. Head Office, Churchgate House, Bolton. Tel. 29295”

1970s – Fire at Trinity Mill, see photo.

1993 – Installation of 2 coal fired steam boilers in the existing boiler house at Holcombe Paper Mill, Peel Bridge.

1993 – Construction of new pulp processing plant at Holcombe Paper Mill.

1995 – Extension to existing despatch bay at Trinity Paper Mill, Bridge Street.

1996 – Re-construction of demolished boundary wall at Holcombe Paper Mills, Peel Bridge.

2002 - A fire at Mondi Paper, Holcombe Mill in Ramsbottom, destroyed 500 tonnes of bailed paper and 20% of the structure of a warehouse on 5th December 2002.

2005 – Construction of single storey extension adjoining existing office at Mondi Paper Ltd., Holcombe Mill, Peel Bridge.

2008 – *Bury Times*, “A HISTORIC Ramsbottom mill is facing closure, which would cause the loss of 90 jobs.

Crippling energy costs and other operational difficulties could sound the death knell for the Holcombe Mill in Peel Bridge which has been an integral part of the Ramsbottom industrial landscape for more than 150 years. Owners Mondi told the stunned workforce this week that a shutdown is likely and have entered into a consultation period which could last up to 90 days. Production could cease by the end of the year.

Mondi, an international paper and packaging group, manufactures 105,000 tonnes of recycled containerboard for the UK market at the Holcombe Mill. But the mill, which exports eight per cent of its output overseas, has been operating at a loss. Now, the 90-strong workforce faces an anxious wait to determine if a shutdown can be avoided and jobs salvaged in the wake of this week’s announcement.

Managing director Mr Carl Cole told the Bury Times: “We broke the news to the workforce at a meeting at the mill on Monday. The 90 jobs here are split between production, engineering and administration. We are the only Mondi mill in the UK involved in corrugated case material.”

Asked why the closure of the company’s Holcombe Mill was being considered, Mr Cole said: “The main reason is due to rising energy costs which have gone up dramatically in the last 12 months.”

These increases, set against a backdrop of declining demand as the economy continues to slow, have meant that the mill has moved into what the company describes as an ‘operating loss position’.

According to Mondi, the value of the Holcombe Mill land, buildings and other assets is £1.2 million and the total cost of closure would be around £4 million. Mr Cole continued: “We have looked at alternatives to closure. If we have to shut, then we will cease production some time in December.

“The consultation period will be up to 90 days and we will use that time to try to find alternatives to closure.”

The managing director, who has worked at the mill for more than 18 years, described this week’s news as ‘disappointing’ and went on: “We will make sure the workforce is kept fully informed of developments and we will explore all avenues along with the trade unions.”

Mondi’s Holcombe Mill is believed to be Ramsbottom’s second biggest employers after TNT. The mill has been an industrial landmark in Ramsbottom since 1857. For many years, it operated under the banner of Ramsbottom Paper Mill before it became Holcombe Paper Mill Company in 1964.

The business subsequently underwent several changes of ownership. Later, it traded as Danisco Paper before being acquired by Mondi in 2002. The international company has key interests in Western Europe, Russia and South Africa. The group is principally involved in the manufacture of packaging paper and converted packaging products. Mondi has production operations across 35 countries and last year had around 35,000 employees.”

Article written by David Thomson on 25th September 2008

2008 – Holcombe Paper Mill, owned by Mondi, closed.

Most of the site demolished.

2016 - Mondi Chimney was reduced in height for safety reasons.

Present – Derelict Site.

Junction of Road to Ramsbottom Cricket and Football Clubs

East Lancashire Railway Station

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2 to 8 Bridge Street.

1848 - Built on the Great Meadow.

1848 - 25th April 1848, Grant Lawson Estate lease 119, Arthur Low, 826 square yards, Railway Hotel and Station Garage, yearly rent £20 0s 0d.

1850 – Marriage of Thomas Knowles (full) Farmer, Edgeworth to Jane Booth, widow, (full) born in Bury on 13th May 1847 at St. Peter’s Church, Bolton. Groom’s father: John Knowles, Farmer. Bride’s father: Thomas Wood, Publican. Witness: Arthur Lowe and Mary Wood.

1850 Heap's Directory - Railway Hotel, Thomas Knowles, Ramsbottom.

1851 Census – Railway Tavern, Bridge Street, Thomas Knowles (36) Landlord, born in Bolton and his wife, Jane Knowles (42) born in Bury. Stepchildren Thomas Booth (17) Engraver, John Booth (13) Cow Lad, Abel Booth (6) Scholar, all born in Bury. Lodgers - Mary Wolden (21) Servant, born in Entwistle, Elizabeth Entwistle (26) Servant, born in Entwistle and George Key (28) Joiner, born in Emley, Lancashire.

1853 Whellan’s Directory - Railway Hotel, Thomas Knowles, Ramsbottom.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Thomas Knowles, Railway Inn, Bridge Street.

1861 Census - Railway Hotel, Thomas Knowles (46) Victualler, born in Bolton and his wife, Jane (52) born in Bury. Stepsons, John Booth (23) Engraver & Abel Booth (17) Student, both born in Bury. Servants - Jane Nuttall (22) General Servant, born in Bury and Ellen Tate (29) General Servant, born in Oldham.

1868 – Marriage of Abel Booth (24) Gentleman, Ramsbottom to Mary Ann Barlow (22) Bury on 6th August 1868 at Holy Trinity Church, Bury. Groom’s father: William Booth, Publican. Bride’s father: Edward Barlow, Publican. Witness: Edward Barlow and Thomas Runnles?

1871 Worrall’s Directory - Thomas Knowles, Railway, Bridge Street. Died 1883 aged 68.

1871 Census – 2 Railway Street, Thomas Knowles (54) Hotel Keeper, born in Edgeworth and his wife, Jane (62) born in Holcombe. Niece – Jane A. Booth (15) Scholar, born in Ramsbottom. Servants – James Kelly (21) born in Ireland, Belland Costella (31) born in Ireland and Alice Kenyon (73) born in Bury. Abel Booth (27) Hotel Manager, born in Ramsbottom and his wife, Mary A. (25) born in Bury.

10 Bridge Street.

1847 – Birth of Dennis Haslam, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Pilkington.

1848 – Built.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Edward Haslam (26) Power Loom Weaver Cotton and his wife, Fanny (24) Power Loom Weaver Cotton. Their children, Nathan (8) Scholar, Dennis (6) Scholar and Ann (3) all born in Bury.

1852 – Baptism of Edwin Haslam (born 11th July 1852) on 12th December 1852 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of Edward Haslam & Fanny (nee Pilkington). Occupation: Power Loom Weaver Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Sarah Webster (57) Confectioner, born in Penrith, Cumberland. Her niece, Mary A. Webster (20) Confectioner, born in Glasgow, Scotland.

1864 – Marriage of Peter Wilson to Mary Ann Webster at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1866 – Birth of John Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Webster.

1868 – Birth of Walter Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Webster.

1871 Census – 10 Bridge Street, Peter Wilson (39) Grocer, born in Ramsbottom and his wife, Mary A. (32) born in Glasgow, Scotland. Their children, John (4) Scholar and Walter (2) both born in Ramsbottom. Aunt - Sarah Webster (70) Retired School Mistress, born in Penrith, Cumberland.

1871 – Birth of Mary Pryer Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Webster.

1873 – Birth of Eliza McFarlane Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Webster.

1875 – Birth of Harry Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Webster.

1878 – Birth of Webster Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Webster.

1878 – Death of Webster Wilson (0) registered in Holcombe.

1880 – Birth of Sam Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Webster.

1880 – Death of Sam Wilson (0) registered in Holcombe.

Became part of the Railway Hotel.

2 to 10 Bridge Street

1879 – Baptism of Robert Frederick Hill, registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Page.

1880 Barrett's Directory – Robert Hill, Victualler, Railway Hotel, Bridge Street.

1881 Census – Railway Hotel, Railway Street, Robert Hill (37) Hotel Keeper, born in Bransford, Worcestershire and Emma (38) born in Kidderminster, Worcestershire. Their children, Florence Emma (9), John William (8), Ethel Elizabeth (7), all born in Worcester, Worcestershire, Emily Gertrude (6) born in Ombersley, Worcestershire and Robert Frederick (1) born in Ramsbottom. Servant - Mary Jane Darlington (26) Nurse, born in Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, Sarah Helen Lee (29) House Maid, born in Liverpool, Annie Dale (19) Barmaid, born in Middlewich, Cheshire and Mary Ann Walker (45) Cook, born in Dublin, Ireland.

1881 – Baptism of Walter Wilson (born 7th July 1881) on 7th August 1881 at St. Thomas's Church, Musbury, Lancashire. Son of Samuel Wilson and Elizabeth. Abode: Holcombe. Occupation: Inn Keeper.

1883 Barrett's Directory – Robert Hill, Victualler, Railway Hotel, Bridge Street.

1885 – Baptism of John Wilson (born 30th October 1885) on 15th December 1885 at St. Thomas's Church, Musbury, Lancashire. Son of Samuel Wilson and Elizabeth (formerly Garsden). Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Licensed Victualler.

1888 Slater's Directory - Railway Hotel, Samuel Wilson, 2 to 10 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 2 Bridge Street, Railway Hotel, Samuel Wilson (48) Licensed Victualler, born in Ramsbottom and his wife Elizabeth (47) born in Tottington Higher End. Their children, Samuel (Jnr) (25), Assistant, Sarah (21) Assistant, Joshua S. (18) Tailors Apprentice. Annie (13) Scholar, Walter (9) Scholar, John (5) Scholar, all born in Ramsbottom. Ellen Garland (32) Cook, born in Manchester, Annie Elizabeth Sapseid (27) Waitress, born in London and Florence L. Staunton (23) Waitress, born in Laythorpe, Yorkshire. Niece - Eliza Proctor (23) Visitor, born in Ramsbottom.

1892 – Marriage of Arthur George Wade (23) Railway Porter, 2 King Street, Ramsbottom to Florence Louisa Stainton (24) Domestic Servant, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom on 1st June 1892 at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. Groom's father: James Wade, Hawker. Bride's father: Richard Stainton, Toffy Manufacturer. Witness: Henry Richmond Wade and Elizabeth Willshaw.

1896 – Marriage of Albert Jeffrey Scowsill (24) Clerk, 90 Cyprus Street, Stretford to Elizabeth Alice Holt (22) 68 Elleray Road on 30th September 1896 at St. John's Church, Pendlebury. Groom's father: Henry Scowsill, Engine Driver. Bride's father: Daniel Holt, deceased, Blacksmith. Witness: William Harold Scowsill and Mary Ann Markus.

1897 – Birth of Harold Ernest Trego Scowsill, registered in Walmersley. Mother's maiden name: Holt.

1901 Census – 2 Bridge Street, Albert J. Scowsill (29) Manager of Public House, born in Salford and his wife, Elizabeth A. (27) born in Pendleton. Their son, Harold Ernest Trego Scowsill (3) born in Ramsbottom.

Servants – Lizzie Jones (21) Barmaid, born in Ramsbottom, Mary Barnes (51) Cook born in Manchester, Lizzie Crowad (23) Housemaid, born in Alton, Dorset and Fred Sanderson (26) Manservant, born in Bury.

1911 Census – 2 to 10 Bridge Street (12 rooms), Railway Hotel, John Thomas Lee (44) Licensed Victualler, born in Stockport, Cheshire and his wife, Matilda (42) Assist in Business, born in Bacup. Their daughter, Gladys Minnie (16) Assist in Business, born in Bacup. Servants – Annie Davies (21) General Servant and Hannah Robinson (20) General Servant, both born in Staffordshire. Boarders – William Squire Fry Chipp (30) Actor, born in Portsmouth, Hants and his wife, Esther Sarah (29) Actress, born in Birmingham.

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory – Railway Hotel, Bridge Street/Railway Street.

1916 – *"14th February 1916, St. Valentine's Day. Commencement of new order of closing of Public Houses. 12 o'clock noon to 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. 5 1/s half hours per day."*

From The Diary of Richard Barlow. A Ramsbottom Postman 1882 to 1925.

1921 Census – 8 Bridge Street, Charlie Herbert Dawson, Sarah Ann, Arthur and 2 others.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Charles H. Dawson, Railway Hotel, Railway Street, Ramsbottom.

1939 Register – 2 Bridge Street, Fred Whittaker (51) Innkeeper, his wife Mary (52) Housewife and their daughter, Mary June (29) Baker & Cake Maker.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 2 Railway Street, Bertram Scholes and Rachel Ann.

1989 – Railway Hotel, 2 to 10 Bridge Street, Landlord, Terry Gilmour.
2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.
Present - Railway Hotel, 2 to 10 Bridge Street.
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BRIDGE STREET (Left Hand Side) Part 3 of 25

12 Bridge Street

1849 – Built on the Great Meadow.

1849 – Marriage of Samuel Kershaw (full) Weaver, Nuttall Lane to Nancy Marsden (full) Stubbins Lane on 7th April 1849 at St. Mary's Church, Bury.

1849 – Birth of Mary Ann Kershaw, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Marsden.

1851 – Birth of Elizabeth Kershaw, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Marsden.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Samuel Kershaw (24) Power Loom Weaver Cotton and his wife, Nancy (21) Power Loom Weaver Cotton. Their children, Mary A. (1) and Elizabeth (4 months), all born in Bury.

1852 – Birth of Sarah Kershaw, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Marsden.

1853 – Marriage of William Falshaw (full) Physician, Haslingden to Sarah Jane Law (Minor) Haslingden on 9th October 1853 at St. James's Church, Haslingden. Groom's father: Thomas Falshaw, Druggist. Bride's father: Elijah Law, Spirit Dealer. Witness: Adam Fletcher, Elizabeth Anna Law and James Law.

1854 – Baptism of Edith Emily Falshaw, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Law.

1857 - Baptism of Arthur Charles Sedgewick Falshaw, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Law.

1858 – Death of Arthur Charles Sedgewick Falshaw (7 months) on 14th January 1858. See gravestone in St. Paul's Church.

1861 Drake's Directory - William Falshaw MD, Surgeon, Bridge Street.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, William Falshaw, GP (33), Graduate Medicine of Edinburgh University, LSA London and his wife, Sarah (27) both born in Haslingden. Daughter, Edith Emily (6) born in Ramsbottom. Ann Taveale (22) General Servant, born in Bury.

1865 – Death of William Falshaw, MD (38), on the 22nd May 1865. See gravestone in St. Paul's Church.

1866 – Marriage of Thomas Wilson and Sophia Dawson at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1870 – Birth of Robert Pius Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Dawson.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Thomas Wilson, Surgeon, Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 12 Bridge Street, Thomas Wilson (37) Medical Doctor F.R.C.S. London & M.D. St. Andrew's University, Scotland, born in Lancaster and his wife, Sophia (25) born in Birtle cum Bamford, Lancashire. Their son, Robert P. (4 months) born in Ramsbottom. Servant – Eliza Scoulan (20) born in Scotland.

1873 – Birth of Richard Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Dawson.

1875 – Birth of Mary Teresa Wilson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Dawson.

1876 – Birth of Alice Fenwick, registered in Edenfield. Mother's maiden name: Holden.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Mrs Elizabeth Fenwick, Milliner & Dressmaker, 12 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 12 Bridge Street, Elizabeth Fenwick, widow (64) born in Bury. Her children, Annie (29) Dressmaker, Elizabeth (29) Dressmaker, Sarah (26) Dressmaker, Amelia (21) Milliner, William (17) Clerk and Granddaughter, Alice (5) Scholar, all born in Ramsbottom.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Mrs Elizabeth Fenwick, Milliner & Dressmaker, 12 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - Clara Cunliffe, Milliner, 12 Bridge Street.

1900 – Marriage of Arthur Edwin Kent (full) Chemist, 28 Bolton Street to Sophia Jane Thompson (full) Milliner, 12 Bridge Street on 28th March 1900 at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. Groom's father: James Kent, Gentleman. Bride's father: Thomas Thompson, deceased, Engineer. Witness: William Herbert Thorpe and Edna King.

1901 Census – 12 Bridge Street, Arthur Beech (40) Draper, born in Gainsboro, Lincolnshire and Elizabeth A. (52) Milliner, born in Edenfield. Boarders – Sarah Raidy (26) Milliner, born in Ramsbottom, Edith A. Jones (20) Milliner, born in Buxton, Derbyshire and Servant - Louie Collinson (26) born in Stockport.

1911 Census – 12 Bridge Street (4 rooms), Elizabeth Beech (60) Milliner and Draper, born in Rose Bank, Ramsbottom. Boarder – Florence Margaret Sayer (27) Practical Milliner, born in St. Columb, Cornwall.

Servant – Ethel Mary Reynolds (23) Domestic Servant, born in Wentnor, Salop.

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - E. Beech, Milliner & Dressmaker.

1920s Advert - Florence Farnworth, Milliner, 12 Bridge Street.

1921 Census – 12 Bridge Street, Charles Lomax and his wife, Mary Jane. Their daughter, Constance Mary.

1922 Blotter Calendar Year Book St. Paul's Church, Advert for Mary Lomax, Milliner, Mourning a Speciality, Fancy Goods, Agent for first class Dyers and Dry Cleaner, Good selection of best quality Wools, Ribbons &c. 12 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Mrs Mary Lomax, Milliner, 12 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register – 12 Bridge Street, Charles and Mary Jane Lomax.

1939 Register – 12 Bridge Street, Charles Lomax (58) Builder & Contractor and his wife, Mary J. Lomax (56) Milliner. Their daughter Constance M. Lomax (19) Scholar.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 12 Bridge Street, Charles and Mary Jane Lomax.

1955 – Mary Jane Lomax, Milliner. *“In the small side window there was always a selection of black hats suitable for funerals, but in the large window a varied selection, some designed and made by Mrs Lomax herself, straw hats in summer and felt or fur in winter. A curtain was drawn behind the hats in the large window, which made the shop rather dark. There was a daughter, Connie, and as a child I would sometimes go to play with her. We enjoyed dressing dolls from a wardrobe of clothes she had made from remnants of material.”*

From Memories of Bridge Street by Edna Collier (Father - Arthur Chadwick owned 16 Bridge Street).

1976 – Death of Mary Jane Lomax, registered in Bury (Born 17th December 1883) was known as Cissie and was the daughter of Thomas & Maria Stephenson of the Rising Sun, Public House, Carr Street, Ramsbottom.

1980s – Closed for sale.

Jay Jay – Picture Framing Service, 12 Bridge Street, Telephone No 3884. A few paintings owned by RHS have a paper label on the back with this name and address on it.

1991 – Advert on the Teddy Bears Picnic poster, Jay Jay Picture Framing, Bridge Street.

1996 - Bloomsbury Florists.

2005 - The Flower Gallery.

2013 – Poster of Alternative Arrangements, Flower Shop, 12 Bridge Street, opens.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Alternative Arrangements, Flower Shop, 12 Bridge Street.

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14 Bridge Street

1849 – Built on the Great Meadow.

1850 – Birth of Ellen Smith, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Brooks.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Thomas Smith (28) Ironmonger and Joiner, born in Burnley and his wife, Mary (19) born in Bury. Their daughter, Ellen (1) born in Bury.

1853 – Birth of Betty Allen, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Butterworth.

1854 – Burial of Betty Allen (1) on 24th September 1854 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of Thomas & Alice Allen of Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1855 – Birth of Amelia Jane Allan, registered in Walmersley. Mother's maiden name: Fletcher.

1858 – Marriage of Thomas Allen to Jane Booth at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Thomas Allen (58) Designer to Calico Printer, born in Tamworth, Staffordshire and his wife, Jane (43) Confectioner. Their children, Edwin Hobden Allen (10) Scholar and Amelia Jane Allen (5), all born in Bury.

1871 Worrall's Directory – Thomas Allen, Confectioner, Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 14 Bridge Street, Thomas Allen (67) Confectioner, born in Leicester and his wife, Jane (54) born in Quarlton, Lancashire. Their children, Edwin (19) Cloth Looker and Amelia (15) Scholar, both born in Ramsbottom. Sister, Elizabeth Booth, unmarried (52) Dressmaker, born in Quarlton, Lancashire.

1873 – Death of Thomas Allen (69) registered in Holcombe.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Mrs Jane Allen, Confectioner, 14 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 14 Bridge Street, Jane Allen, widow (63) Confectioner, born in Quarlton, Lancashire. Her son, Edwin Allen (29) Cloth looker, born in Ramsbottom and her sister, Elizabeth Allen? (61) Confectioner, born in Quarlton, Lancashire.

1883 – Death of Jane Allen (67) registered in Holcombe.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Edwin Fletcher, Confectioner, 14 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - William Trills (Trillo), Confectioner, 14 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 14 Bridge Street, William Trills (Trillo) (51) Confectioner, born in West Hyde, Herefordshire, his wife Jane (51). Their children, Ellen A. (26) Cotton Winder, William A. (18) Cotton Weaver and Samuel (16) Cotton Weaver, all born in Ramsbottom.

1901 Census – 14 Bridge Street, William Trillo (61) Confectioner, born in West Hyde, Herefordshire, and his wife Jane (51). Their children, Ellen A. (37) Cotton Winder, William A. (28) Cotton Cut Looker and Samuel (25) Cotton Cut Looker, all born in Ramsbottom.

1904 – Death of William Trillo (64) buried in St. Pauls Graveyard, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom. See Gravestone in St. Paul's Churchyard.

1904 – Marriage of Samuel Trillo married Emily Ashworth at St. Pauls Church, Bridge Street.

1911 Census – 14 Bridge Street (5 rooms), Jane Trillo, widow (71) Baker. Her children, Ellen Ann (47) and William Arthur (38) Assistant Baker, all born in Ramsbottom.

1912 – Death of Jane Trillo (72) buried in St. Pauls Graveyard, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom. See Gravestone in St. Paul's Churchyard.

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory – Mrs Jane Trills (Trillo), Wine & Spirit Merchant, 14 Bridge Street.

1918 – Marriage of Herbert Wells (31) Overlooker, 3 Plantation View Summerseat to Annie Hammond (29) 14 Bridge Street on 29th January 1918 at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. Groom's father: Henry Well, Engineer. Bride's father: John William Hammond, Finisher. Witness: Harold Wells and Caroline Hammond.

1921 Census – 14 Bridge Street, Mary and Ellen.

1921/1922 Blotter Calendar Year Book St. Paul's Church - Advert for M. Barlow, High Class Confectioner, 14 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Miss Mary Barlow, Confectioner, 14 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register – 14 Bridge Street, Mary Barlow.

1939 Register – 14 Bridge Street, Louise Townend (27), Confectioner and Lilian Ridehalgh (43) Assistant Confectioner.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 14 Bridge Street, Louise Townend and Lilian Ridehalgh, Harry and Agnes Acton.

1955 - E. G. Thornley, Confectioner.

1980s - The Village Bakery, Fred & Doreen Cope.

2011 - Jesse May's, Vintage Shop, 14 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Jesse May's, Vintage Shop, 14 Bridge Street.

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16 Bridge Street

1845 – Marriage of James Holden (full) School Master, Ramsbottom to Mary Hamer (full) Ramsbottom on 28th December 1845 at St Mary the Virgin, Bury. Groom's father: Thomas Holden, Farmer. Bride's father: Edward Hamer, Shopkeeper. Witness: Lawrence Elton and Peter Hamer.

1847 – Birth of Edward Holden, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Hamer.

1847 – Death of Mary Holden (23) registered in Holcombe.

1848 – Marriage of James Holden, widow (full) School Master, Ramsbottom to Rebecca Sager (full) Ramsbottom on 28th October 1848 at St Mary the Virgin, Bury. Groom's father: Thomas Holden, Farmer. Bride's father: James Sager, Manager. Witness: Thomas Holden and Ra. Crompton.

1849 - Built on the Great Meadow. The property was occupied by James Holden, a Bookseller, with his wife Rebecca.

1849 – Birth of Thomas Holden registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Sager.

1850 Heap's Directory – Wesleyan Day School, James Holden (only had one arm), Master and Rebecca Holden, Mistress.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, James Holden (33) School Master & Bookseller, born in Haslingden and his wife, Rebecca (30) Whalley, Lancashire. Their children, Edward (3) and Thomas (1) both born in Bury.

1851 – Birth of Elizabeth Ann Holden registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Sager.

1853 – Birth of Susannah Holden registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Sager.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancs – James Holden, Bookseller, Bridge Street.

1856 – Birth of Hartley Holden registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Sager.

1856 – Death of Hartley Holden (0) registered at Holcombe.

1856 – Birth of William Holden registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Sager.

1856 – Death of William Holden (0) registered at Holcombe.

1857 – Advert in the Bury Times (2nd May 1857) "James Holden, Bridge Street, Newspapers delivered in Ramsbottom on the morning of publication, published price".

1858 – Advert in the Bury Times (23rd October 1858) "James Holden, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom, supplies all the Newspapers on the morning of publication, Manchester Daily papers, London and Manchester weekly publications."

1858 – Birth of Mary Ellen Holden registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Sager.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, James Holden (43) Schoolmaster & Bookseller, born in Haslingden, his wife Rebecca (42) Schoolmistress, born in Lomeshaye, Lancs. Their children, Edward (13) Scholar, Thomas (11) Scholar, Elizabeth A. (10) scholar, Susanna (7) Scholar & Mary E. (2), all born in Ramsbottom. His sister-in-law, Susanna K. Sagar? (44), Housekeeper, born in Lomeshaye, Lancs.

1861 Drake's Directory – Athenaeum School, Ramsbottom, James and Rebecca Holden.

1861 – Birth of Emma Holden registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Sager.

1871 Worrall's Directory - James Holden, Bookseller, Stationer & Printer, 16 Bridge Street.

1871 – Marriage of Thomas Holden to Jane Ashworth at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1871 Census – 16 Bridge Street, James Holden (53) Stationer & Bookseller, born in Haslingden and his wife, Rebecca (52) born in Burnley. Their children, Elizabeth A. (20) Cotton Weaver, Susannah (17) Cotton Weaver, Mary E. (12) Scholar and Emma (9) Scholar, all born in Ramsbottom, Lancashire. His sister-in-law, Susannah K. Sager (55) Housekeeper, born in Burnley, Lancashire.

1871 – Birth of William Holden, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Ashworth.

1876 – Death of Rebecca Holden (59) registered at Holcombe.

1880 Barrett's Directory - James Holden, Printer & Stationer, 16 Bridge Street.

1881 – Birth of James Thomas Holden, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Ashworth.

1881 Census – 16 Bridge Street, James Holden, widow (63) Printer and Bookseller, born in Haslingden. His children, Susannah (25) Employed at Paper Mill, Mary E. (22) Weaver and Emma (18) Housekeeper, all born in Bury. His Sister-in-Law, Susannah Lager (64) Housekeeper, born in Burnley. His sister, Maria Holden (50) Weaver, born in Haslingden.

1883 Barrett's Directory - James Holden, Printer & Stationer & Thomas Holden, Skip & Basket Manufacturer, 16 Bridge Street.

1884 – Birth of George Holden, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Ashworth.

1888 Slater's Directory - James Holden, Bookseller, 16 Bridge Street.

1889 – Death of George Holden (5) registered in Holcombe.

1891 Census – 16 Bridge Street, James Holden, widow (73) Letter Press Printer & Stationer, born in Haslingden and his daughter Emma Holden (29) Shop Assistant, born in Ramsbottom. Sister-in-law, Susannah K. Sagar (75) Living on Own Means, born in Loweshaye Lancs. Granddaughter, Mabel Butterworth (5) born in Ramsbottom. Grandson, Frederick Wm. Butterworth (5 months) born in Haslingden.

1895 – Death of James Holden (78) registered in Ramsbottom.

1897 - Holden & Scholes, Bookbinders & Printers &c., 16 Bridge Street. See advert.

1901 Census – 16 Bridge Street, Thomas Holden (51) Bookbinders, Stationers, Newsagents, his wife Jane (52) and son, James T. (19) all born in Ramsbottom.

1907 - Advert in the Wellington Journal, Wellington, Shropshire, 30th November 1907. "General Servant, 22 to 30; comfortable home; family two; good wages to suitable person; references — Holden, Stationer, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom. General Servant (capable) Wanted; good wages; comfortable home; fare paid"

1911 Census – 16 Bridge Street (4 rooms), Thomas Holden (61) Bookseller and Stationer Dealer and his wife, Jane (62) Assisting in Business, both born in Ramsbottom.

1913 NW Counties of England Directory - Thomas Holden, bookseller.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 16 Bridge Street, William Holden.

1920 – Death of Jane Holden (71) registered in Ramsbottom.

1921/1922 Blotter Calendar Year Book St. Paul's Church, advert for "Thomas Holden's 16 Bridge Street, Stationery and Fancy Goods Line."

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Thomas Holden, Bookseller & William Holden, Poor Rate Collector & Estate Agent, 16 Bridge Street. Telephone No 108.

1931 - Arthur Chadwick, Fancy Goods, opened, 16 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register – 16 Bridge Street, Arthur, Sarah, John and Mary Jane Chadwick.

1939 Register – 16 Bridge Street, Arthur Chadwick (48) Stationer & Newsagent and his wife, Sarah (45) Unpaid House Duties. Their daughter, Edna (13) Scholar. John Chadwick (76) & his wife Mary J. (75), both retired.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 16 Bridge Street, Arthur, Sarah, John and Mary Jane Chadwick.

"Our shop premises had an attic in the eaves where I sometimes did my sewing, and two cellars. One cellar was for storing coal delivered through a man-hole in the pavement outside, and the other, the Ink Cellar, contained shelves of large earthenware jars and smaller bottles of ink. The larger jars would be used for supplying schools in the district. At the beginning of the War the Ink Cellar was cleared and became the Air Raid Shelter with bunks installed by my father. The living room has now become part of the extended shop area".

From Some Recollections of Lower Bridge Street by Edna Collier (Father - Arthur Chadwick) from an article in the RHS News Magazine No 14, Spring 1997

1944 – Death of John Chadwick (80) registered in Ramsbottom.

1949 – Marriage of Herbert Collier to Edna Collier at Christ Church Baptist Methodist, Market Place, Ramsbottom.

1950 – Death of Mary Chadwick (86) registered in Ramsbottom.

1955 NW Counties of England Directory – A. Chadwick, Bookseller/Stationer, 16 Bridge Street.

1960 – Mr Chadwick, Newspaper advert, selling Bury FC season tickets.

1989 – A.E. & M.V. Holmes, Newsagents.

1991 – Dawbers, Newsagents.

2011 – Card Talk, 16 Bridge Street, keys were handed over on 4th November 2011.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Card Talk, Card & Gift Shop, 16 Bridge Street.

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18 Bridge Street.

1849 - Built on the Great Meadow.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1858 – Marriage of Edwin Markland (25) Skip Maker, Ramsbottom to Elizabeth Dawson (22) Jericho on 25th October 1855 at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury. Groom's father: William Markland, Skip Maker. Bride's father: James Dawson, Mechanic. Witness: Edwin Scholes and Lavinia Markland.

1858 – Birth of Albert Markland, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Dawson.

1861 – Birth of James Markland, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Dawson.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Edwin Markland (31) Skip & Basket Maker, born in Bury and his wife, Elizabeth (25), born in Birtle, Lancashire. Their children, Albert (2) and James (1 month), both born in Bury. John Walsh (14) Apprentice, born in Liverpool.

1863 – Birth of Charlotte Markland, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Dawson.

1867 – Birth of Edwin Markland, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Dawson.

1867 – Advert in the Bury Times (7th September 1867) for "Edwin Markland, Skip, Basket and Hamper Manufacturer, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom."

1868 – Birth of Thomas Markland, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Dawson.

1871 Census – 18 Bridge Street, Edwin Markland (41) Skip Maker, Master, employing 8 men and 11 boys, born in Walmersley and his wife, Elizabeth (36) born in Birtle cum Bamford. Their children, Albert (12) Warehouse Boy, James (10) Scholar, Charlotte (7) Scholar, Edwin (3) and Thomas (2), all born in Ramsbottom.

1871 – Birth of Louis Markland, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Dawson.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Edwin Markland, Skip Maker, Bridge Street.

1880 – Burial of Edwin Markland (13) on 13th August 1880 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1880 Barrett's Directory - James Hutchinson, Grocer, 18 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 18 Bridge Street, James Hutchinson, widow (62) Grocer, born in Bolton. His daughter, Rachel (27) Housekeeper, born in Bury.

1883 Barrett's Directory - James Hutchinson, Grocer, 18 Bridge Street.

1883 – Death of James Hutchinson (63) registered in Holcombe.

1888 Slater's Directory - James Hutchinson, Grocer, 18 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 18 Bridge Street, John Hutchinson (74) Grocer, born in Darwen. His children, Elizabeth M. (39), born in Walmersley/Shuttleworth and William (30) Warehouseman, born in Tottington Higher End.

1900 – Death of John Hutchinson (83) registered in Ramsbottom.

1901 Census – 18 Bridge Street, Ellen M. Hutchinson (50) Grocer, born in Shuttleworth.

1910 Electoral Roll – Ellen Maria Hutchinson, 18 Bridge Street.

1911 Census – 18 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - J.W. Bracewell, Chemist, 18 Bridge Street.

1919 The Register of Chemists - John William Bracewell, 18 Bridge Street, registered 2nd Oct 1901.

1921 – *"28th November 1921, The business of Mr. J. W. Bracewell, Chemist and Druggist of 18 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom transferred to The Taylor Drug Company"*.

From "The Diary of Richard Barlow. A Ramsbottom Postman 1882 to 1925".

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Taylor's Drug Co. Ltd., Chemists, 18 Bridge Street. Telephone No 90.

1955 NW Counties of England Directory – Timothy Whites & Taylors, Chemist Shop.

1991 - Horse Bits, 18 & 20 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Horse Bits, 18 & 20 Bridge Street.

20 Bridge Street.

1847 – Marriage of Francis Parkinson (full) Carter, Holcombe to Eliza Kay (full) Weaver, Holcombe on 6th May 1847 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Groom's father: Francis Parkinson, Farmer. Bride's father: Samuel Kay, Weaver. Witness: Aaron Thorpe and James Holt.

1849 - Built on the Great Meadow.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Francis Parkinson (31) Beerseller, born in Blackburn and his wife, Eliza (31) born in Bury. Lodgers – Joseph Barlow (22) Power Loom Weaver Cotton and William Heap (21) Mason. both born in Bury.

1853 Whellan's Directory - Francis Parkinson, Beerhouse, Ramsbottom.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Francis Parkinson, Beerhouse, Bridge Street.

1854 – Baptism of John Kay Parkinson (born 20th September 1854) on 20th September 1854 at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. Son of Francis Parkinson and Eliza. Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Carter.

1854 – Burial of John Kay Parkinson (Infant) on 22nd September 1854 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of Francis & Eliza Parkinson of Bridge Street.

1857 - Baptism of Elizabeth Ann Parkinson (24th March 1857) on 7th June 1857 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of Francis Parkinson and Eliza. Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Farmer.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Francis Parkinson (41) Beerseller & Farmer, born in Hacking Hall, Lancashire. His wife Eliza (41) & daughter Elizabeth Ann (4) Scholar, both born in Bury. Boarder -John Boardman (42) Carter, born in Billington, Lancashire.

1871 Census – 20 Bridge Street, Francis Parkinson (51) Farmer and his wife, Eliza (51). Servants – Mary J. Watson (15) Domestic and Jonas Rhodes (24) Farm Servant, all born in Lancashire.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Francis Parkinson, Beerseller & Farmer.

1874 – Burial of Francis Parkinson (54) on 29th July 1874 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Jonathan Birtwistle, Beer house, Swan Inn, 20 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 20 Bridge Street, Jonathan Birtwistle, (60) Innkeeper, born in Disley, Cheshire and his wife, Margaret (58) Innkeeper's Wife, born in Ramsbottom. Their children, Martha Ellen (26) born in Fall River, America and Sarah (23) born in Ramsbottom.

1882 – Article in the Manchester Times, Saturday, 14th October 1882, *“Mr. J. R. Edge, coroner, held an inquest at the Grant's Arms Inn, Ramsbottom, on Monday afternoon, on the body of Henry Barnes, a labourer in a coal yard, who was choked whilst eating a piece of tripe the previous Friday evening. The deceased, who was 65 years of age, and had no teeth, was sitting in the Swan Inn, when he bought some tripe of a hawkker. He began to eat it savagely, holding the tripe in both hands, but before he had finished he hurriedly left the room. He reached the lobby, when he fell. He was picked up, and a doctor sent for; but although Dr. Galloway arrived almost immediately, Barnes was dead. Dr. Galloway said that the deceased was choked with a piece of tripe. A verdict of “Accidental death” was returned.”*

1883 Barrett's Directory - Jonathan Birtwistle, Beer House, Swan Inn, 20 Bridge Street.

1885 Electoral Registrar- Jonathan Birtwistle, Abode, 20 Bridge Street. Beerhouse. 20 Bridge Street.

1885 – Burial of Jonathan Birtwistle (64) on 15th June 1885 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1886 – Burial of Margaret Birtwistle (63) on 6th November 1886 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1888 Slater's Directory - James H. Birtwistle, Beer Retailer, 20 Bridge Street.

1891 Census - 20 Bridge Street, Thomas Sergenson (41) Beerseller, born in Latham and his wife, Elizabeth A. (50) born in Summerseat. Their daughter, Sarah Isherwood (29) Barmaid, born in Ramsbottom and his brother, John H. Sergenson (39) General Servant, born in Caton, Lancs.

1901 Census - 20 Bridge Street, Thomas Sergenson (50), Beer Seller, born in Latham and his wife Elizabeth A. (60) Beeler Seller, born in Summerseat. Their son, George Isherwood (35) Cotton Mill, born in Ramsbottom. Boarder – Robinson T. Taylor (13) Telegraph Messenger, born in Chatterton.

1904 – Burial of Elizabeth Ann Haworth (39) on 20th April 1904 at Emmanuel, Holcombe. Abode: 20 Bridge Street.

1911 Census – 20 Bridge Street (5 rooms), Swan, Beerhouse. John Haworth, widow (47) Beerhouse Keeper. His daughter, Mary Hannah (22) Assistant in Business. Niece – Emily Scholes (9), all born in Ramsbottom.
1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - Swan Inn, 20 Bridge Street, John Haworth, Proprietor.
1913/14 – 20 Bridge Street photos show a sign on the Swan Inn for Crown Brewing Co. Ltd., Rochdale Road, Bury.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 20 Bridge Street, John Haworth.

1916 – *“14th February 1916, St. Valentine’s Day. Commencement of new order of closing of Public Houses. 12 o’clock noon to 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. 5 1/s half hours per day.”*

From The Diary of Richard Barlow. A Ramsbottom Postman 1882 to 1925.

1917 – Burial of John Haworth (55) on 16th November 1917 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: 20 Bridge Street.

1921 Census - Swan Inn, Bridge Street, Bertram Scholes, Rachel Ann, Emily and 1 other.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Bertram Scholes, Beer Retailer, 20 Bridge Street.

1926 – Marriage of Houghton Scholes (23) Assistant Manager in Cotton Mill, 20 Bridge Street to Dorothy Haworth Tennent (24) 66 Bolton Road West on the 8th September 1926 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Father - Bertram Scholes, Publican. Bride’s father: David Tennent, Painter. Witness: William Hunter, Emily Scholes and David Tennent.

1934 Electoral Register – 20 Bridge Street, William Bedford and Florence Bedford.

1939 Register – 20 Bridge Street, William Bedford (43) Licensee & A. R. Warden and his wife, Florence Bedford (37) Unpaid Domestic Duties.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 20 Bridge Street, William Bedford and Florence Bedford.

1951 Festival Year, Ramsbottom, Souvenir Handbook – Advert for Vickery & Bowker (Holcombe Brook) Ltd. Your Murphy Dealer (TVs). Shops at 8 Longsight Road, Holcombe Brook, Rams 3266 and 20 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom, Ramsbottom 2085.

1953 Coronation RUDC Official Programme of Celebrations – Advert for Vickery & Bowker (Holcombe Brook) Ltd. Your Murphy Dealer (TVs). Shops at 8 Longsight Road, Holcombe Brook, Rams 3266, 4 & 6 Market Street, Tottington, Tottington 237 and 20 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom, Ramsbottom 2085.

1955 - W.N. Bowker, Electrical Engineer.

1984 – Planning Application granted for Food & Drink.

1991 - Saddlery and Riding Wear, 18 & 20 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Saddlery and Riding Wear, 18 & 20 Bridge Street.

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22 to 26 Bridge Street.

1849 - Built on the Great Meadow at a cost of £900, the door (22) leads upstairs. Inscription and date stone just below the guttering – “Odd Fellows’ Hall. 1849.”

1849 Grant Lawson Estate lease 232, 22nd September 1849, William Grant & Others, 22 Bridge Street, 360 square yards, £6 0s 0d yearly rent.

1850 Heap Directory – Places of Worship - Baptists, Oddfellows' Hall, Ramsbottom.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1854 History & Dir of Mid Lancashire – An Odd Fellows' Hall, was erected here in 1849, at a cost of £900. It stands in Bridge Street, and the upper apartment is used as a place of worship by the Baptists, whose minister is the Rev. Peter Prout.

1861 Drake Directory - Oddfellows' Hall, Ramsbottom.

1871 Worrall’s Directory - The Oddfellows' Hall, is used for public meetings, concerts.

1888 Slater’s Directory – Oddfellows’ Hall, 22 Bridge Street.

1905 Kelly’s Directory - Baptist (Particular), Oddfellows’ Hall, Bridge Street; 10.30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

1911 Census – 22 Bridge Street, Oddfellows' Hall.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Oddfellows' Hall, 22 Bridge Street. William Gardiner, Sec.

1927 – Advert in Ramsbottom Advertiser, 20th August 1927, The Northern Optical Co., Consulting Opticians, The Oddfellows Hall, Ramsbottom. Every Friday 2 to 8pm.

1960s to 80s - It was the Denitas Dance Studio.

1990s - It was the Plummers Dance Studio.

1997 – Planning permission granted for change of use from a Dance Studio to a Photographic Studio. Photographic Studio, closed 1998.

2004 – Planning permission granted for change of use of First Floor, Second Floor and Loft Space to construct 5 apartments.

24 Bridge Street.

1849 - Built on the Great Meadow.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1859 – Marriage of John Ashworth to Jane Wallwork at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1859 – Baptism of Elizabeth Jane Ashworth, registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Wallwork.

1860 – Death of Elizabeth Jane Ashworth (0) registered in Holcombe.

1860 – Baptism of Sarah Ashworth, registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Wallwork.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, John Ashworth (24) Shoemaker & Clogger. His wife, Jane (19), their daughter Sarah (6 months) all born in Bury.

1862 – Baptism of Emma Ashworth, registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Wallwork.

1864 – Baptism of Albert Ashworth, registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Wallwork.

1866 – Marriage of John Kay to Mary Ellen Tattersall at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1867 – Baptism of Robert Henry Kay, registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Tattersall.

1870 – Baptism of Ann Eliza Ashworth, registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Tattersall.

1871 Census – 24 Bridge Street, John Kay (26) Boot, Shoe and Clog Maker, employing 5 men and 2 boys, and his wife, Mary E. (26). Their children, Robert H. (3) and Ann E. (5 months) all born in Lancashire.

1871 Worrall's Directory - John Kay, Clog Maker, Bridge Street.

1880 Barrett's Directory - John Barcroft, Confectioner and Tobacconist, 24 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 24 Bridge Street, Thomas Barcroft (59) Labourer, born in Bury and his wife, Esther (58)

Housekeeper, born in Tottington Lower End. Their daughter, Ann (34) Housekeepers Assistant. Boarder – Amelia B. Varley (12) Scholar, James Kay (25) Collector of Rates, Esther Kay (23) Cotton Weaver and Sarah Kay (11) Scholar, all born in Tottington Lower End.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Mrs. Esther Barcroft, Confectioner, 24 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - John Barcroft, Confectioner, 24 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 24 Bridge Street, Esther Rostron, widow (49) Confectioner, her children, Arnold S. (21)

Painter, Elizabeth A. (27) Cotton Weaver, Esther (19) Confectioners Assistant and Tom (11) Scholar. Servant - Ann Barcroft (44) General Servant, all born Ramsbottom.

1898 – Marriage of Ernest Clark to Leah Collinge at Bury Register Office of Registrar attended.

1901 Census – 24 Bridge Street, Ernest Clark (25) and his wife, Leah (26) both born in Ramsbottom.

1909 – Advert, for Clark's Music Shop, Telephone No 86. "Genuine Bargains, Good Second Hand Pianos for sale" Bury Times 22nd May 1909

1911 Census – 24 Bridge Street (3 rooms), Ernest Clark (36) Pianoforte Dealer and his wife, Leah (36) Assisting in Business, both born in Ramsbottom. Niece, Doris Collinge (8) born in Walmersley.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 24 Bridge Street, Martin Nolan.

1921 Census – 24 Bridge Street, Martha and Sarah E.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Mrs Annie Raidy, Milliner, 24 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register – 24 Bridge Street, Mary Ann Taylor and Lois Dorothy Taylor.

1934 – Advert Ramsbottom Observer, 18th November 1934 Eva Taylor's, Ladies Fashion Shop, 24 Bridge Street.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 24 Bridge Street, Shop, Martha Ellen Grundy. Abode: 13 Eliza Street.

1953 Coronation RUDC Official Programme of Celebrations – List of addresses of special coronation window displays – M.E. Grundy, Bridge Street.

1955 - M.E. Grundy, Milliner.

1980s - Doreen's Clothes Shop, 24 Bridge Street. See photo.

1990 - Doreen's Clothes Shop, 24 Bridge Street. See photo of bag.

2009 – The RSPCA Charity Shop, 24 Bridge Street opened in May 2009.

The RSPCA was formed in 1824 in London as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Royal patronage followed in 1837 and Queen Victoria gave permission to add the Royal 'R' in 1840.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - RSPCA Charity Shop, 24 Bridge Street.

26 Bridge Street

Built 1849, on the Great Meadow.

Sign on wall – “Fire Plug 15 Feet to 5in Main”. Note a foot = 30cm and an inch = 25mm.

The term "fire plug" dates from the early 1800s, when water mains were made from wood. Firefighters used the bucket brigade or hand pumping systems to get the water to extinguish fires. They had to dig a hole in the main, in order to retrieve water. The firefighters would pass buckets of water from the hole along a line of firefighters to help get water to the fire. The term “fire plugs” began to be used, since the newly dug holes had to be plugged up after the fire call.

1849 - Thomas Heap & family. It was a 'Grocers Shop'. Mr Heap was also a coal merchant and building contractor. He built a number of local houses in the mid-19th C.

1850 – Marriage of Thomas Heap (full) Mason, Hazlehurst, Tottington to Jane Kay (full) Dressmaker, Dundee, Tottington on 12th March 1850 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Groom's father: James Heap, Mason. Bride's father: Robert Kay, Road Surveyor. Witness: Andrew MacLean, Robert Kay, John Wood and John Collins.

1851 – Birth of Elizabeth Ann Heap, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Kay.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Thomas Heap (25) Stone Mason and his wife, Jane (26). Their daughter, Elizabeth (3 months) all born in Bury.

1852 – Birth of Mary Kay Heap, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Kay.

1853 Whellan's Directory – Thomas Heap, Shopkeeper, Bridge Street.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Thomas Heap, Shopkeeper, Bridge Street.

1854 – Birth of Ellen Collins Heap, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Kay.

1855 – Birth of Epseba Heap, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Kay.

1856 – Death of Epseba Heap (0) registered in Holcombe.

1858 – Birth of Hephzibah Heap, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Kay. ?

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Thomas Heap (36) Master Stonemason, employed 15 men & 5 Labourers and his wife, Jane (36). Their daughters, Elizabeth (10) Scholar, Mary (8) Scholar, Ellen (7) Scholar and Effie (2), all born in Bury.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Thomas Heap, Stone Mason, 26 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 26 Bridge Street, Thomas Heap, widow (45) Contractor Grocer, born in Tottington. Their daughters, Mary (18), Ellen (17) and Effie (12) Scholar, all born in Ramsbottom.

1879 – Marriage of Samuel Empsall and Jane Southworth at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Samuel Empsall, Eating House, 26 Bridge Street.

1881 – Birth of Ethel Empsall, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Southworth.

1881 Census – 26 Bridge Street, Rebecca Barratt, widow (42) Housewife, born in Alderley, Cheshire and her son, Edward (16) Clerk, born in Pendleton, Lancashire. Betty Horne, widow (56) Housewife. Her children, Charles (16) Weaver and Alex (14) Plaiter Down & Dyer, all born in Ramsbottom. Boarder, John Thomas Rostron (20) Assistant Elementary School Master, born in Ramsbottom.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Doctor Haworth Dobson, Eating House, 26 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - Doctor Haworth Dobson, Eating House, 26 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 26 Bridge Street, Doctor H. Dobson (30) Restaurant Keeper, born Haslingden and his wife, Margaret (26), born in Ramsbottom.

1901 Census – 26 Bridge Street, Thomas Schofield (36) Eating Housekeeper, Coffee House and his wife, Rachael A. (35). Their children, Thomas (10) and John (8), all born in Ramsbottom. Servant – Thomas G. Stevenson (24) Baker, born in Ramsbottom.

1911 Census – 26 Bridge Street (7 rooms), Thomas Schofield (46) Restaurant Keeper and his wife, Rachael Ann (45) Assistant in Business. Their children, Samuel Warburton Schofield (22) Baker, Thomas (20) Beef Butcher and John (18) Apprentice Fitter, all born in Ramsbottom.

1913 NW Counties of England Directory - Thomas Schofield, Dining Rooms, 26 Bridge Street.

1913 – Marriage of Samuel Warburton Schofield to Mabel Whitworth, Bury Register Office or Registrar Attended.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 26 Bridge Street, Thomas Schofield.

1918 – Birth of Jean Schofield, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Whitworth.

1921 Census – 26 Bridge Street, Thomas Schofield and his wife, Rachel Ann. Winifred and 1 other.

1924 Kelly's Lancashire Directory - Thomas Schofield, Dining Rooms, 26 Bridge Street. Lots of mill workers had a full breakfast here before starting work.

1934 Electoral Register – 26 Bridge Street, Thomas and Rachel Ann Schofield.

1935 – Burial of Rachel Ann Schofield (69) wife of Thomas, on 20th May, 1935 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: 26 Bridge Street.

1936 – Death of Mabel Schofield (48), registered in Ramsbottom.

1939 Register – 26 Bridge Street, Samuel W. Schofield, widower (51) Master Baker, born 27th April 1888. His daughter, Jean Schofield (21) Single, Shop Assistant, born 20th August 1918.

1939 – Marriage of Richard Askew to Jean Schofield in Ramsbottom Register Office or Registrar attended.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 26 Bridge Street, Samuel Warburton Schofield, Master Baker and Jean Schofield (21) Shop Assistant.

1939 – Marriage of Richard Ashew to Jean Schofield at Ramsbottom Register Office or Registrar attended.

1950/60's – Advert for Cliff & Mary Pinder, Confectioner and Caterer, 26 Bridge Street.

1957 Guide to Ramsbottom – “Pinder's Café, 26 Bridge Street.”

1973 - B. Reynolds, Venetian Blind Restoration.

1980s – Clean A Blind and Jay Jay Framing Service.

2000 - Murray's Family Clothing, 26 Bridge Street, opens selling Ladies, Men's and Children's Fashion.

2003 – The shop was approved to sell Woodhey High School uniform and now supplies 14 schools.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Murray's Family Clothing, School Uniform Supplier, 26 Bridge Street.

Junction of Palatine Street

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Junction of Palatine Street

28 Bridge Street

“About the lower end of the present block of buildings extending from Silver Street to Prince Street, flanked at either extremity by the premises of Mr Barlow, in the corner of a field, all alone, stood the dungeon. Its site was just about opposite Crow Lane. When, in after years, it disappeared, and the Messrs Ashton built the houses extending from Prince Street to Palatine Street — the row - then opposite Crowtrees Orchard and Meadow, and now in the main opposite St Paul's Burying Ground — they were commonly called Dungeon Row.”

From “The Country and Church of the Cheeryble Brothers” by Rev W. H. Elliott, 1893. Page 114.

1820/30s – Nos 28 to 48 were built, by Messrs Ashton, they were called “Dungeon Row”.

1842 Tithe Map - In the corner of a field, Great Meadow, it was a Private Lock Up or Prison and Cask Premises.

1853 Whellan's Directory – Daniel Campbell, Boot & Shoemaker, Ramsbottom.

1854 History & Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Daniel Campbell, Boot & Shoemaker, Ramsbottom.

1860 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 175, 24th April 1860, Henry Greenwood, 28 to 38 Bridge Street, 439 square yards, £12 0s 0d yearly rent.

1861 Census – Dungeon Row, Bridge Street, Daniel Campbell (40) Boot & Shoe Maker, born in St. Marys, Scilly Isles, Cornwall and his wife Mary (43) born in Bury. Their children, Robert (17) Cotton Power Loom Weaver and Martha (15) Cotton Power Loom Weaver. Boarder, James Hamer (19) Cotton Piecer, all born in Bury. Nephew, Orlando Hook (12) Cotton Power Loom Weaver born in Woolwich, London. Niece, Agnes Hook (9) scholar, born in Bury.

1871 Census – 28 Bridge Street, John Hayes (57) Bleeder with Leeches, born in Haslingden and his wife, Hannah (57) born in Holcombe.

1880 Barrett's Directory - John Hayes, Leech Applier, 28 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 28 Bridge Street, John Hayes (68) Retired Cotton Weaver, born in Haslingden and his wife, Hannah (66) Shroud Maker, born in Holcombe. Boarder, Alfred William Stephenson (31) Labourer at Paper Mill, born in Glasgow, Scotland.

1883 Barrett's Directory - John Hayes, Leech Applier, 28 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - Thomas Scowcroft, Tripe Dealer, 28 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 28 Bridge Street, Thomas Scowcroft (47), Iron Moulder and his wife, Selina (46). Their children, Alice (20) Dressmaker, Henry (18) Cotton Weaver, Mary Ann (15) Cotton Weaver, Betsy (12) Cotton Weaver, James (10) Scholar, Martha (7) Scholar. All born in Ramsbottom.

1901 Census – 28 Bridge Street, Thomas Scowcroft (57) born in Nuttall and his wife, Selina (56). Their children, Alice (30), Mary Ann (25), Betsy (22), James (20) Scholar, Martha (17). All born in Ramsbottom.

1911 Census – 28 Bridge Street (4 rooms), Thomas Scowcroft (67) Iron Moulder, born in Nuttall and his wife, Selina (66). Their children, Alice (40) Draper Dealer and Martha (27) Shop Assistant, all born in Ramsbottom.

1913 NW Counties of England Directory – Thomas Scowcroft, Draper, 28 Bridge Street.

1921 Census – 28 Bridge Street, Thomas Scowcroft and his wife, Selina.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Miss Alice Scowcroft, Draper, 28 Bridge Street.

1925 – Death of Thomas Scowcroft (81) registered in Ramsbottom.

1934 Electoral Register – 28 Bridge Street, Stanley and Edith Webster.

1939 Register – 28 Bridge Street, Stanley Webster (42) Master Tailor and Outfitter, also an ARP Warden. His wife, Edith Webster (41) Ladies & Childrens Outfitter.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 28 Bridge Street, Stanley and Edith Webster.

1950's – Websters Gents' & Children's Outfitters, 28 & 36 Bridge Street. See advert.

1953 Coronation RUDC Official Programme of Celebrations – List of addresses of special coronation window displays – Webster's, Bridge Street.

1968 - Jennie's Baby Linen Shop. (Jenny Birch, her husband had the Tobacconist at No34).

1980s – Bob's Video Shop.

Abracadbra – see photo.

1990s - Toy Station.

Cottage Pine, Furniture Shop.

Ramsbottom Sweet Shop, 28 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Ramsbottom Sweet Shop, 28 Bridge Street.

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30 Bridge Street

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1820/30s – Dungeon Row was built.

1842 Tithe Map - shows a building on the edge of Great Meadow.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Robert Hoyle (57) Mechanic, born in Rawtenstall and his wife, Nancy (52) born in St. George's, London. Stepdaughter, Rosannah Leach (25) Cotton Rover and granddaughter, Mary Chestop? (3) both born in Bury. Lodger – Amelia Fletcher (28) Milliner, born in Bolton.

1850 Heap's Directory – Amelia Fletcher, Straw Bonnet Makers, Ramsbottom.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Amelia Fletcher, Milliners & Dressmakers, Straw Bonnet Makers, Bridge Street.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Octavius Musgrove, Cabinet Maker, & Sarah Musgrove, Milliners & Dressmakers, Bridge Street.

1860 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 175, 24th April 1860, Henry Greenwood, 28 to 38 Bridge Street, 439 square yards, £12 0s 0d yearly rent.

1861 Census - Dungeon Row, Bridge Street. Octavius Musgrove (48) Cabinet Maker born in Droitwich, Worcestershire and his wife Sarah (41) Dress Maker, born in Bury. Their son, William (18) Cotton Spinner, born in Manchester.

1869 – Marriage of William Musgrove (28) Cotton Spinner, Ramsbottom to Pretine McNichol (30) Ramsbottom on 4th November 1869 at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. Groom's father: Octavius Musgrove, Cabinet Maker. Bride's father: Archibald McNichol, Draper. Witness: Archibald McNichol and Mary Jane Winterbottom. (Moved to 46 Bridge Street by 1871)

1871 Census – 30 Bridge Street. Octavius Musgrove (57) Cabinet Maker, born in Droitwich, Worcestershire and his wife Sarah (51) Dress Maker, born in Lancashire.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Octavius Musgrove, Draper and Milliner, 30 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 30 Bridge Street, Octavius Musgrove (67) Draper, born in Droitwich, Worcestershire and Sarah (61) born in Bury.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Mrs Sarah Musgrove, Dressmaker and Milliner, 30 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - Sarah Musgrove, Milliner, 30 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 30 Bridge Street, Edmund Pickup (27) Butcher, born in Edenfield, his sister Ellen (30) living on own means, born in Edenfield and their mother Eliza (61), living on own means, born in Shropshire.

1901 Census – 30 Bridge Street, Harry Robinson (41) Butcher, born in Slaedwin, Yorkshire and his wife, Jessie (38) born in Broughton, Yorkshire. Their daughter, Ellen (5) born in Skipton, Yorkshire.

1908 – Birth of Sarah Haworth, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Purdey.

1911 Census – 30 Bridge Street (4 rooms), John Haworth (36) Butcher (Beef) and his wife, Jane (37). Their children, Harold (15) Labourer in Calico Print Works, Francis (12) Scholar and Sarah (3), all born in Ramsbottom.

1916 – Advert "For Sale Genuine High-Class Fish & Chip Restaurant, doing excellent trade, well fitted throughout, closed Wednesdays: good reasons, no agents, - Apply Station Supper Rooms, 30 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom." In the Runcorn Examiner (11th March 1916).

1924 Kelly's Lancashire Directory - Stanley Isherwood, Fried Fish Dealer.

1934 Electoral Register – 30 Bridge Street, William, Samuel and Nancy Jane Avery.

1939 Register – 30 Bridge Street, William Avery (51), Fish and Chip Shop Frier, born 3rd June 1888.

1930/40 Electoral Register – 30 Bridge Street, William Avery.

1930s - Photograph of Avery's Fish & Chip Shop.

2012 - Taylor's Fish and Chip Shop, 30 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

2021 - Taylor's Fish and Chip Shop, 30 Bridge Street.

2022 – Bridge Street Chippy, 30 Bridge Street.

Present - Bridge Street Chippy, 30 Bridge Street.

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32 Bridge Street

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1820/30s – Dungeon Row was built.

1842 Tithe Map - shows a building on the edge of Great Meadow.

1845 – Birth of Mary Alice Heys, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Whittaker.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, John Heys (36), Power Loom Weaver Cotton, born in Haslingden and his wife, Hannah (36) Power Loom Weaver Cotton, born in Bury. Their daughter, Mary A. (5) Scholar, born in Bury.

1854 – Death of Mary Alice Heys (8) registered in Holcombe.

1860 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 175, 24th April 1860, Henry Greenwood, 28 to 38 Bridge Street, 439 square yards, £12 0s 0d yearly rent.

1861 Census – Dungeon Row, Bridge Street, Richard Taylor (45) Block Cutter Calico Printers, born in Middleton and his wife, Betty (44) born in Bolton. Their children, Mary (21), Elizabeth (19), Richard (17), Margaret (15), Jonathon (13) and Sarah (11), all Cotton Power Loom Weavers, all born in Bury.

1871 Census – 32 Bridge Street, Richard Nixon (32) Tripe Dresser, born in Newton in Fylde and his wife, Jane (40) born in Freckland? in Fylde.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Richard Nixon, Greengrocer, 32 Bridge Street.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Richard Nixon, Tripe Dealer, 32 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 32 Bridge Street, Richard Nixon (44) Tripe Dresser and his wife, Jane (50) Assistant. Their daughter, Mary (12) Tenter, all born in Bury.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Richard Nixon, Tripe Dealer, 32 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory – Elizabeth Ashworth, Milliner, 32 Bridge Street.

1898 – Marriage of Henry Greenwood Scowcroft to Mary Thompson at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1900 – Birth of Annie Scowcroft, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Thompson.

1901 Census – 32 Bridge Street, Henry G. Scowcroft (28) Tobacconist, born in Ramsbottom and his wife, Mary (27) born in Burtersett, Yorkshire. Their daughter, Annie (5 months) born in Edenfield.

1902 – Birth of Tom Scowcroft, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Thompson.

1909 – Birth of James Scowcroft, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Thompson.

1911 Census – 32 Bridge Street (3 rooms), Henry Greenwood Scowcroft (38) Tobacconist (Dealer), born in Ramsbottom and his wife, Mary (37) born in Burtersett, Yorkshire. Their children, Annie (10) Scholar, born in Edenfield, Tom (9) and James (1) both born in Ramsbottom.

1913 NW Counties of England Directory – H. G. Scowcroft, Tobacconist, 32 Bridge Street.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 16 Bridge Street, John William Warburton.

1921 Census – 32 Bridge Street, John William, Margaret Ellen, Fred and 3 others.

1921 – Death of John William Warburton (59) registered in Ramsbottom.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Mrs Margaret E. Warburton, Confectioner, 32 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register – 32 Bridge Street, Robert Owen Dodd and Ethel Dodd.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 32 Bridge Street, Harold Lees. Abode: 2 Forest House, Summerseat.

1955 NW Counties of England Directory - Lees & Diggle, Florist, 32 Bridge Street. Phones Ramsbottom 2159; Private, 3047.

1980s - Age Concern, Charity Shop. See photo.

On 1 April 2009, Age Concern, England and Help the Aged joined together to create a new charity, and officially became Age UK in 2010.

2010 - Age UK, Bury, Charity Shop.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Age UK, Charity Shop, 32 Bridge Street.

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34 Bridge Street

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1820/30s – Dungeon Row was built.

1842 Tithe Map - shows a building on the edge of Great Meadow.

Henry Greenwood who purchased Dungeon Row converted three of the houses into a Tinsmith's and Ironmonger's Emporium.

1841 Census – Tottington Lower End (850), John Murphy (60) and his wife, Mary (45). Lodgers – John Heys (25), Ann Heys (25), Fanny Kay (13) and Betty Livesey (15) all born in Lancashire.

1842 Tithe Map - shows a building on the edge of Great Meadow.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, John Murphy (71) Retired Power Loom Weaver, born in Bury and his wife, Mary (59) Keeper of Leeches, born in Rochdale. Lodger – Fanny Taylor (20) Power Loom Weaver Cotton, born in Bury.

1860 - Burial of John Murphy (80) on 12th April 1860 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1860 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 175, 24th April 1860, Henry Greenwood, 28 to 38 Bridge Street, 439 square yards, £12 0s 0d yearly rent.

1861 Census – Dungeon Row, Bridge Street, Henry Greenwood (47) Ironmonger Master, employer 5 men & 2 boys, born in Colne. His wife Martha (47) & their children, Mary A. (18), Selina (16) both Cotton Power Loom Weavers, Thomas (13), William Henry (10) & George (7) all Scholars, all born in Bury.

1864 – Marriage of Richard Braithwaite to Mary Ann Greenwood at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1871 Worrall's Directory – John Booth, Iron & Tinplate Works, 34 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 34 Bridge Street, No Entry in Census.

1880 Barrett's Directory - John Booth, Iron & Tinplate Works, 34 Bridge Street. Home: 12 Crow Lane.

1881 Census – 34 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1883 Barrett's Directory - John Booth, Iron & Tinplate Works, 34 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - John Booth, Iron & Tinplate Works, 34 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – John Booth had moved to 25 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 34 Bridge Street, No Entry.

1891 Census – 6 Crow Lane, William H. Greenwood (40) Tin Plate Worker (Employer) & his wife Eliza (42) Cotton Weaver, both born in Ramsbottom. His sister, Mary A. Braithwaite, widow (48) Cotton Rover, born in Bury. Nephew, Henry Greenwood (15) Tin Plate Workers Apprentice, born in Burnley.

1897 - Stephens & MacKintosh Business Street Map of Ramsbottom – W.H. Greenwood, Iron, Zinc, Copper and Tin Plate Worker, 34 Bridge Street. See advert.

1901 Census – 34 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1911 Census – 34 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1912 – Death of William Henry Greenwood (61) registered in Ramsbottom.

1913 NW Counties of England Directory – W.H. Greenwood, Tinplate Worker, 34 Bridge Street.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 34 Bridge Street, Henry Greenwood Scowcroft.

1921 Census – 34 Bridge Street, Henry Greenwood, Mary, Annie and 3 others.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Henry Scowcroft, Tobacconist, 34 Bridge Street

1929 – Marriage of Tom Scowcroft to Lily Haworth, Bury Register Office or Registrar Attended.

1934 Electoral Register – 34 Bridge Street, Shop, Thomas Scowcroft, Abode: 32 Higher Summerseat, Mary and James Scowcroft.

1939 Register – 34 Bridge Street, Tom Scowcroft (37) Wholesale & Retail Tobacconist, also an ARP Warden, during WW2 and his wife, Lily Scowcroft (37) Shop Assistant. Mother-in-Law, Mary Ann Haworth (74) Retired Cotton Weaver.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 34 Bridge Street, Tom and Lily Scowcroft.

1941 – Death of Mary Ann Haworth (75) registered in Ramsbottom.

1955 - Advert for T. Scowcroft & Co., Wholesale and Retail Tobacconists, 34 Bridge Street.
1970s - Joe C. Birch – Tobacconist. Also, an Urban District Councillor. Had a cigarette machine in the doorway when the shop was closed. (His wife Jennie had the Baby Linen shop at No 28).
1990's - Meredith's - Delicatessen & Fine Foods.
Entwistle's - Delicatessen & Fine Foods, 34 Bridge Street.
2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.
Present - Entwistle's - Delicatessen & Fine Foods, 34 Bridge Street.
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36 Bridge Street

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1842 Tithe Map - shows a building on the edge of Great Meadow.

1846 – Birth of William Scott, registered in Bury South. Mother’s maiden name: Chadwick.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, John Scott (35) Rope Maker, employing 3 men, born in Bury and his wife, Betty (32), born in Rochdale. Their children, Isabella (10) Scholar, Jane (6) Scholar and William (4) all born in Bury. Niece – Isabella Greenhalgh (16), Nephew – James Greenhalgh (10) both born in Bolton and Nephew – Squire Greenhalgh (9) born in Bury.

1860 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 175, 24th April 1860, Henry Greenwood, 28 to 38 Bridge Street, 439 square yards, £12 0s 0d yearly rent.

1861 Census – Dungeon Row, Bridge Street, Mary Murphy, widow (69) Keeper of Leeches, born in Rochdale. Son in Law, John Heys (46) Cotton Power Loom Weaver, born in Haslingden and his wife, Hannah Heys (46) born in Bury.

1871 Worrall’s Directory - Jonathon Hedley, Ironmonger, 36 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 36 Bridge Street, Jonathan Hedley (64) Ironmonger, born in Northumberland and his wife, Mary (53) born in Lancashire. Their children, Ruth (20) Dressmaker and Joseph S. (14) Pupil Teacher, both born in Todmorden, Lancashire.

1871 – Death of Jonathan Hedley (64) registered in Holcombe.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Mrs Mary Hedley, Ironmongers. 36 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 36 Bridge Street, Mary Hedley, widow (62) Ironmonger, born in Ramsbottom. Her children, Hannah (31) Ironmonger, born in Whitefield, Lancashire and Ruth (29) Ironmonger, born in Todmorden, Lancashire.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Mrs Mary Hedley, Ironmongers. 36 Bridge Street.

1884 – Death of Mary Hedley (66) registered in Holcombe.

1888 Slater's Directory – H. & R. Hedley, Ironmongers, 36 Bridge Street.

1888 – Marriage of Samuel Lord, widow (38) Moulder, 20 Rothwell Street, Ramsbottom to Hannah Hedley (39) 36 Bridge Street on 14th April 1888 at St. Paul’s Church Ramsbottom. Groom’s father: James Lord, deceased, Clogger. Bride’s father: Jonathan Hedley, deceased, Gardener. Witness: Joseph Stead Hedley and Ruth Hedley.

1891 Census – 36 Bridge Street, Samuel Lord (41) Ironmonger, born in Edenfield and his wife, Hannah (42) born in Whitefield.

1897 - Stephens & MacKintosh Business Street Map – S. Lord, Ironmonger and Mill Furnisher, 36 Bridge Street.

1901 Census – 36 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1906 – Death of Samuel Lord (57) registered in Ramsbottom.

1911 Census – 36 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1913 NW Counties of England Directory - Harry Halstead, Ironmongers, 36 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Harry Halstead, Ironmongers, 36 Bridge Street. Telephone No 93.

1943 – Henderson’s Mens Outfitters opens.

1953 Coronation RUDC Official Programme of Celebrations – Advert for Henderson’s (Hosiery) Ltd. Specialist in Menswear. 36 Bridge Street.

“MANY old shops in Ramsbottom have closed through declining trade and tomorrow Henderson's, men's outfitters, in Bridge Street, follows suit, ending manager Mr Edmund Thornley's career in the thoroughfare of which his memories stretch back to when he first went to work there 48 years ago.

Mr Thornley, who describes himself as the street's "longest-serving shopkeeper," said Henderson's opened about 30 years ago. (c 1943). He has seen prices rise and fashions change in the clothing " industry where two distinct styles have emerged - "one for young men and one for older men".”

Memories of Mr. Thornley in a local paper c1977.

1977 – Henderson’s Mens Outfitters closes.

1978 - Websters Gents’ & Children’s Outfitters, 28 & 36 Bridge Street. See advert.

1995 - Bridge Roll, Confectionery.

2010 - Shimla, Indian Takeaway.

2011 – Chicken Express, closes.

2016 - Pizza Nova, Takeaway, 36 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Pizza Nova, Takeaway, 36 Bridge Street.

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38 Bridge Street

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Henry Greenwood who purchased Dungeon Row converted three of the houses into a Tinsmith’s and Ironmonger’s Emporium.

1844 – Birth of Harriet Turner, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Ormrod.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Mary Turner, widow (48) born in Ringley, Lancashire. Her children, Charles (27) Mule Jobber Cotton, Martha (21) Power Loom Weaver Cotton, George (18) Power Loom Weaver, Cotton, all born in Bury, Mary (17) Power Loom Weaver Cotton, Henry (15) Dyer, both born in Rochdale, Joseph (13) Mule Piecer Cotton and Harriet (7) Scholar, both born in Bury.

1860 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 175, 24th April 1860, Henry Greenwood, 28 to 38 Bridge Street, 439 square yards, £12 0s 0d yearly rent.

1861 Census - Dungeon Row, Bridge Street. Mary Tomlinson, widow (50) Housekeeper and her daughter Sarah (21) Cotton Worker, both born in Blackburn.

1864 – Marriage of Richard Braithwaite to Mary Ann Greenwood at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1867 – Birth of Henry Braithwaite, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Greenwood.

1867 – Death of Henry Greenwood (53) registered in Holcombe.

1869 – Marriage of Thomas Scowcroft to Selina Greenwood at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1870 – Birth of Alice Scowcroft, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Greenwood.

1871 Census – 38 Bridge Street, Martha Greenwood, widow (58) Retired Ironmonger, born in Summerseat and her son, William H. (20) Tinplate Worker, born in Ramsbottom. Lodgers – Mary Ann Braithwaite (28) Cotton Weaver, born in Bury and her son, Henry (3) born in Ramsbottom. Thomas Scowcroft (38) Iron Moulder, born in Holcombe and his wife, Selina (36) Cotton Weaver, born in Ramsbottom. Their daughter, Alice (7 months) born in Ramsbottom. Lodger – Elizabeth Greenwood, married (23) Cotton Weaver, born in Ramsbottom.

1880 Barrett's Directory – Mrs Martha Greenwood, 38 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 38 Bridge Street, Martha Greenwood (67) Housekeeper, born in Summerseat and her son, William Henry (30) Tinsplate Worker, born in Ramsbottom. Daughter, Mary Ann Braithwaite (38) Cotton Weaver, born in Bury and her son, Henry (13) Clerk, born in Ramsbottom.
1881 – Death of Martha Greenwood (68) registered in Holcombe.
1888 Slater’s Directory - Thomas Haslam, Clogger, 38 Bridge Street.
1900 - Albert Farnworth, Boot, Shoe & Clog Maker.
1901 Census – 38 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.
1908 – Marriage of Harry Roe to Clara Lonsdale at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.
1911 Census – 38 Bridge Street (4 rooms), Harry Roe (34) Cotton Weaver, born in Ramsbottom and his wife, Clara (29) Shop Assistant, Boot and Shoe Trader (at Home), born in Helmshore.
1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - Harry Lonsdale, Boot & Shoe Maker, 38 Bridge Street.
1914/16 Electoral Register – 38 Bridge Street, Harry Roe.
1921 Census – 38 Bridge Street, Fred R. Meyer, his wife, Martha and Mary.
1924 Kelly’s Lancs Directory - Frederick R. Meyer, Boot & Shoe Dealer, 38 Bridge Street.
1934 Electoral Register – 38 Bridge Street, Frederick Richard Meyer (53) Master Boot & Shoe Dealer and Sp. Constable and his wife, Martha Meyer (53) Shop Assistant.
1934 - Advert in the Ramsbottom Advertiser Friday 16th November 1934, F. R. Meyer, M.N.C.A., Chiropodist, Opposite St. Paul’s Church.
1939 Register – 38 Bridge Street, Frederick R. Meyer (53) and Martha Meyer.
1939/40 Electoral Register – 38 Bridge Street, Frederick Richard Meyer and Martha Meyer.
1961 – Death of Frederick Richard Meyer (74) registered in Ramsbottom.
1973 - C. Woods, Footwear Specialist.
1980s – Sweater Shop, see photo.
1990s - Greenhalgh, Opticians.
1994 - Ramsbottom Flooring Ltd. 38 Bridge Street.
2019 - Ramsbottom Flooring Ltd. 38 Bridge Street, closes.
2020 – The Ram, Café/Bar, 38 Bridge Street.
2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.
Present – The Ram, Café/Bar, 38 Bridge Street.

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40 & 42 Bridge Street

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1820/30s – Dungeon Row was built.

1844 – Baptism of William Henry Markland (born 22nd May 1844) on 27th June 1844 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of James Buckley, Repd. Father and Lavinia Markland. Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation Weaver.

1850 Heap’s Directory – William Markland, Skip & Basket Maker, Ramsbottom.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, William Markland, widow (58) Master Basket Maker, employing 3 men, born in Eccles. His children, Lavinia (30) House Maid, Richard (21) Agricultural Labourer, Edward (20) Basket Maker and grandson, William H. (6) Scholar, all born in Bury. Lodger – Robert Derbyshire (22) Labourer Rail, born in Pendleton.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1852 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 118, 27th July 1852, Richard Markland, 40 to 48 Bridge Street, 423 Square Yards, £10 0s 0d yearly rent.

1853 Whellan’s Directory – William Markland, Basket Maker, Tottington Lower End.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – William Markland, Skip & Basket Maker, Bridge Street.

1861 – Burial of William Markland (68) on 19th September 1861 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode – Back Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1861 Census – Dungeon Row, Bridge Street, Henry Tomlinson (23) Mechanic Turner & Fitter, born in Blackburn, his wife, Mary A. (21) Cotton Power Loom Weaver, born in Bury and their son, Thomas Henry (10 months) born in Bury. Lodger - Lary Connoly, male (18) Cotton Winder, born in Ireland.

1861 Census – Dungeon Row, Bridge Street, Peter Wood (42) Clock & Watch Maker, born in Bury and his wife, Nancy (39) born in Scotland. Their children, Elizabeth Janet (13) Cotton Power Loom Maker, John (9), Latimia (4) both scholars, all born in Bury.

Peter Wood, Clock & Watch Maker. Clocks of all shapes and sizes adorned the walls but apparently no two clocks told the same time!

40 & 42 Bridge Street became one shop.

1866 - Cottrill & Son, established 1866, see photo of glass door panel.

1868 – Marriage of George Johnson Cottrill to Frances Castle, Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1869 – Birth of Elizabeth Cottrill, Registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Castle.

1870 – Birth of George Johnson Cottrill, Registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Castle.

1871 Worrall's Directory - George Cottrill, Pork Butcher, Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 40 & 42 Bridge Street, George J. Cottrill (35) Pork Butcher and his wife, Frances (39), both born in Manchester. Their children, Elizabeth (1) and George J. (4 months) both born in Ramsbottom.

1875 – Birth of Joseph Cottrill, Registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Castle.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Mrs Frances Cottrill, Pork Butcher, 42 Bridge Street.

1880 Barrett's Directory – Mrs Maria Cottrill, Pork Butcher, 208 Bolton Street.

1881 Census – 40 & 42 Bridge Street, George Johnson Cottrill (44) Pork Butcher, employing 1 man and 2 boys and his wife, Frances (49) both born in Manchester. Their children, Lizzie (11) Scholar and Joseph (6) Scholar, both born in Ramsbottom. Servant – Isabella Smith (18) born in Manchester,

1883 Barrett's Directory - George G? Cottrill, Pork Butchers, 40 & 42 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - George Johnson Cottrill, Pork Butcher, 40 & 42 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 40 & 42 Bridge Street, No Entry.

1891 Census – Living at 2 Cottrell Street, Ramsbottom – George Johnson Cottrill (55), Pork Butcher, born in Manchester and his wife, Frances (59) Assistant to Pork Butchers, born in Salford. Their children, Elizabeth (21) Assistant to Pork Butchers and Joseph (16) Assistant to Pork Butchers, both born in Ramsbottom.

Servant - Isabella Smith (27) General Domestic Servant, born in Manchester.

1899 – Death of George Johnson Cottrill (63) on 19th July 1899, registered in Ramsbottom.

1899 - George Johnson Cottrill of 16 Rostron Road, Ramsbottom died 19th July 1899 at 40 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom. Probate London, 8th August to John Castle Builder and Contractor. Effects £1881 7s 1d.

1899 – Cottrill's - See newspaper advert.

1901 Census – 40 & 42 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1911 Census – 40 & 42 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - Cottrill & Son, Pork Butcher, 40 & 42 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Cottrill & Son, Pork Butchers, 40 & 42 Bridge Street & 208 Bolton Street, Ramsbottom. Telephone No 76.

“MEMORIES OF RAMSBOTTOM STATION SIGNALBOX AND CROSSING - Particularly difficult were cricket match days in the '30s and '40s, when large crowds as big as any now seen at Gigg Lane, would come out of Acre Bottom, and fill the width of Bridge Street as they walked up to the station. If the gates needed closing, the signalman had to go down onto the street waving a red flag, and leave this posted in his window. Many came by train, since the station was so close. When Leary Constantine, of the West Indies national team, was Nelson's professional, special trains worked from Nelson, and were stabled in the loops to the north of the crossing, or on the 'machine road'. On match day Saturday afternoons, Cotterills' stand would sell hundreds of pork pies (they were baked in the shop at the top end of Dungeon Row, on Bridge Street). 'I've seen Ramsbottom Cricket Ground,' said Fred, 'when you couldn't get on. I'd go on the Cheeky Stand.' (This was the bank above the Irwell, below Bury New Road.) Constantine once scattered some of the illicit spectators here by hitting a ball over the river and amongst them!”

Taken from a larger article written by RHS News Magazine No 19 Spring 2000.
1928 – “30th December 1928, Fire at Messrs. Cottrills, Pork Butchers, 42 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom. £500 damages.”

From “The Diary of Richard Barlow. A Ramsbottom Postman 1882 to 1925”.

1934 Electoral Register – 42 Bridge Street, Shop, Christopher Robert Metcalfe and Ann Alice Metcalfe.

Abode: One Ash, Bradford Street, Bolton. Norman Metcalf. Abode: 215 Dundee Lane, Ramsbottom.

1955 NW Counties of England Directory - Cottrill & Son (Ramsbottom), Ltd., Pork Butchers, 40-42 Bridge Street. Phone Ramsbottom, 2176.

Farmstores.

1990s - Jeffcock Supplies, Hardware and Home Improvements.

Woodholme Supplies, Hardware, Garden Products and Home Improvement Materials, 40 & 42 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

2022 - “Dungeon Row” street sign erected December 2022 by the RHS.

Present - Woodholme Supplies, Hardware, Garden Products and Home Improvement Materials, 40 & 42 Bridge Street.

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44 Bridge Street

In the corner of a field was a dungeon, which is now the site of No 48. When the houses Nos 28 to 48 were built, by Messrs Ashton, (probably in 1820/30s), they called them “Dungeon Row”.

1820/1830s – Dungeon Row built.

1842 Tithe Map - shows a building on the edge of Great Meadow.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Thomas Sharples (53) Reed Maker at Cotton Mill and his wife, Alice (54) both born in Blackburn. Their children, Elizabeth (21) Power Loom Weaver Cotton, William (20) Blacksmith and Edward (19) Reed Maker at Cotton Mill, all born in Haslingden.

1852 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 118, 27th July 1852, Richard Markland, 40 to 48 Bridge Street, 423 Square Yards, £10 0s 0d yearly rent.

1861 Census – Dungeon Row, Bridge Street, Thomas Thomas (28) Cotton Power Loom Weaver, born in Todmorden, Yorkshire & his wife, Elizabeth Thomas (28) Cotton Power Loom Weaver, born in Suffolk.

1870 – Marriage of Robert Armstrong (24) Mechanic, Crow Lane to Elizabeth Janet Wood (21) 44 Bridge Street on 28th July 1870 at St. Paul’s Church, Ramsbottom. Groom’s father: William Armstrong, Manager. Bride’s father: Peter Wood, Watch Maker. Witness: James Henry Cooper and Anne Elizabeth Fletcher.

1871 Census – 44 Bridge Street, Peter Wood (52) Block Dresser, born in Ramsbottom and his wife, Nancy (48) born in Scotland. Their son, John (20) Bleach Works Mechanic, born in Stubbins, Lancashire. Son in Law, Robert Armstrong (24) Millwright, born in Withnell, Lancashire and his wife, Elizabeth Janet (22) born in Stubbins. Their daughter, Emily (4 months) born in Ramsbottom.

1871 – Baptism of Emily Armstrong (born 24th November 1870) at St. Paul’s Church, Ramsbottom. Daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Armstrong. Abode: 44 Bridge Street. Occupation. Mechanic.

1872 – Birth of Robert Armstrong, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Wood.

1877 – Burial of Robert Armstrong (4) on 12th June 1877 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode - Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Hyrum Haworth, Grocer, confectioner & Importer of German Yeast, 44 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 44 Bridge Street, Hyrum Haworth (31) Grocer & Confectioner, born in Tottington and his wife, Sarah (30) born in Summerseat. Their children, Alice (9) Scholar, born in Tottington, John (5) Scholar and James (2) both born in Ramsbottom.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Hyrum Haworth, Grocer & Importer of German Yeast, 44 Bridge Street.
 1888 Slater's Directory – Hyrum Haworth, Grocer, 44 Bridge Street. Home: 28 Union Street.
 1891 Census – 28 Union Street, Hyrum Haworth (41) Grocer and his wife, Sarah (40) both born in Tottington. Their children, Alice (19) Grocer's Assistant, born in Tottington, John (15) Cabinet Maker's Apprentice, James (12) Grocer's Apprentice, Elizabeth (9), Ellen (7), Hyrum (6), Joseph (2) and Walter (2 months) all born in Ramsbottom. Servant – Mary Ann Shields (23) General Servant, born in Whitehaven, Cumberland.
 1901 Census – 44 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.
 1901 Census – 99 Callender Street, Hyrum Haworth (51) Grocer, born in Tottington and his wife, Sarah (50) born in Summerseat. Their children, Alice (29) No Occupation, born in Tottington, James (22) Grocer's Assistant, Elizabeth (19) Cotton Weaver, Ellen (18) Grocer's Assistant, Hyrum (15) Iron Founder's Moulder, Joseph (12), Walter (10) and Frank (7), all born in Ramsbottom.
 1911 Census – 44 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).
 1911 Census – 99 Callender Street, Hyrum Haworth (61) Grocer & Provision Dealer, born in Tottington and his wife, Sarah (60)) born in Summerseat. Their children, Hyrum (26) Core Maker (Iron Works), Walter (20) Warehouseman (Cotton Weaving) and Frank (17) Clerk (Cotton Spinning), all born in Ramsbottom.
 1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - Hyrum Haworth, Grocer, 44 Bridge Street.
 1920 – Death of Sarah Haworth (69) registered in Ramsbottom.
 1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory – Haworth's Stores Grocer, 44 Bridge Street, run by Hyrum Haworth.
 1926 – Death of Hyrum Haworth (77) registered in Ramsbottom.
 1930s - Parry's Sweet Shop.
 Jim & Alice Aspin.
 1978 – Card Drop Inn.
 1990s - Price Freeze.
 1994 – Planning permission granted for a new shop front.
 1995s - First Impressions, Dry Cleaners, 44 Bridge Street. See photo.
 2020 - First Impressions, Dry Cleaners, 44 Bridge Street, closed.
 2022 – Renovations started in 2022, whole shop gutted.
 2023 - Two storey extension added at the back and new front window.
 Present – Vacant.

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46 Bridge Street

In the corner of a field was a dungeon, which is now the site of No 48. When the houses Nos 28 to 48 were built, by Messrs Ashton, (probably in 1820/30s), they called them "Dungeon Row".

1842 Tithe Map - shows a building on the edge of Great Meadow.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Francis Parkinson (57) Retired Farmer and his wife, Elizabeth (62) both born in Billington, Lancashire. Their children, Jane (36) Winder Cotton, born in Billington, Robert (29) Carter, Elizabeth (27) Dress Maker, both born in Blackburn and William (21) Drawer Cotton born in Billington.

1852 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 118, 27th July 1852, Richard Markland, 40 to 48 Bridge Street, 423 Square Yards, £10 0s 0d yearly rent.

1861 Census – Dungeon Row, Bridge Street, James Riley (49) Cotton Power Loom Weaver, born in Bury and his wife, Margret (47) born in Blackburn. Their daughter, Ellen (19) Straw Bonaich? Maker, born in Bury, Apprentice, Annie White (12) Apprentice Straw Bonaich? Maker, born in Liverpool, Niece, Eliza Sharples (3) born in Blackburn and Lodger – Job Riley (71) Labourer in Cotton Mill, born in Blackburn.

1871 Worrall's Directory - John Dow, Shoe & Bootmaker, 46 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 46 Bridge Street, William Musgrove (28) Cotton Spinner, born in Salford and his wife, Pretina (30) Milliner, born in Ramsbottom.

1874 – Marriage of Lot Walsh (32) Barber, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom to Eliza Bradley (29) Union Street, Ramsbottom on 12th January 1874 at St. Paul’s Church, Ramsbottom. Groom’s father: Noah Walsh, Barber. Bride’s father: Blank. Witness: John Olive and Eliza Horne.

1875 – Birth of Mary Ann Walsh, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Bradley.

1880 – Birth of Eliza Walsh, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Bradley.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Noah Walsh, Hairdresser, 46 Bridge Street.

1880 – Death of Noah Walsh (63) on 29th June 1880. See gravestone photo from St Paul’s Church.

1881 Census – 46 Bridge Street, Lot Walsh (44) and his wife, Eliza (37) born in Ramsbottom. Their children, Mary (5) and Eliza (1) both born in Ramsbottom. Boarders, John Walsh (26) born in Ramsbottom and Priscilla Hindle (20) born in Baxendale, Lancashire,

1883 Barrett's Directory - Lot Walsh, Hairdresser & Toy Dealer, 46 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - Lot Walsh, Hairdresser & Toy Dealer, 46 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 46 Bridge Street, Lot Walsh (52) Hairdresser and his wife, Eliza (47) Confectioner. Their daughters - Mary A. (15) Confectioners Assistant and Eliza (11) Assistant. All born in Ramsbottom.

1899 – Death of Lot Walsh (60) registered in Ramsbottom.

1901 Census – 46 Bridge Street, Eliza Walsh, widow (58) Baker & Confectioner and her children, Mary A. (35) Confectionary Assistant and Eliza (21) Confectionary Assistant, all born in Ramsbottom.

1910 Electoral Roll – Eliza Walsh, 46 Bridge Street.

1911 Census – 46 Bridge Street (4 rooms), Eliza Walsh, widow (67) Dealer in Sweets and Toys. Her children, Mary Ann (35) Assisting in Business and Eliza (31) Assisting in Business, all born in Ramsbottom.

1913 NW Counties of England Directory – E. Walsh, Confectioner, 46 Bridge Street.

1921 Census – 46 Bridge Street, Margaret and Isabella.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Miss Isabella Holden, Confectioner, 46 Bridge Street.

1930s - Duro Wine Shop.

1934 Electoral Register, 46 Bridge Street, Joseph and Emma Perry Parry.

1939 Register – 46 Bridge Street, Joseph Parry (49) Toys, Sweets and Tobacco Shop and his wife, Emma P. Parry (50) Shop Assistant. Their daughter, Margaret Parry (20) Cotton Weaver.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 46 Bridge Street, Joseph and Emma Perry Parry.

1977 – Mrs. L. Finch, Sweets, Tobacconist & Toy Shop.

1978 – Mrs. L. Finch, Sweets, Tobacconist & Toy Shop, closes.

1979 - Mrs A Tinker, Tobacconist, Sweet & Toy Shop, opens.

1990s - Mrs A Tinker, Tobacconist, Sweet & Toy Shop.

2000 – Teddy & Treasure Shop.

2011 - Bluegum Gifts.

2018 - Bride Sew Beautiful, Wedding Dresses, closed 2019.

2019 – Plentiful, Plastic Free Shopping, 46 Bridge Street, opens.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Plentiful, Plastic Free Shopping, 46 Bridge Street.

48 Bridge Street

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1842 Tithe Map - shows a building on the edge of Great Meadow.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1852 - Grant Lawson Estate lease 118, 27th July 1852, Richard Markland, 40 to 48 Bridge Street, 423 Square Yards, £10 0s 0d yearly rent.

1855 – Burial of Maryetta Livesey (1) on 6th November 1855 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of Peter & Mary Livesey. Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1858 - Sarah Jane Livesey was baptized on 7th February 1858 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, daughter of Peter & Mary Livesey. Occupation: Tailor. Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1860 - Elizabeth Livesey was baptized on 4th March 1860 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of Peter & Mary Livesey. Occupation: Tailor. Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1861 Census – Dungeon Row, Bridge Street, Peter Livsey (38) Tailor & Draper Master, employs 5 men, born in Carlton, Cumberland. His wife Mary (37) and their children, Margaret (5), Sarah Jane (3) & Elizabeth (1) all born in Bury.

1865 – Anne Livsey was baptised on 3rd September 1865 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, daughter of Peter & Mary Livsey, Tailor, Bridge Street.

1867 – Baptism of Ellen Livsey on 28th September 1867 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of Peter & Mary Livsey. Occupation: Tailor. Abode: Bridge Street.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Peter Livsey, Tailor & Draper, 48 Bridge Street.

1871 - Burial of Peter Livesay (48) on the 28th February 1871 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1871 Census – 48 Bridge Street, Mary Livesey, widow (47) Tailor Draper, born in Tottington. Her children, Margaret (15) Machiness, Sarah Jane (13) Scholar, Elizabeth (11) Scholar, Peter (9) Scholar, Anne (5) Scholar and Ellen (3), all born in Ramsbottom.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Mrs Alice Lodge, Milliner, 48 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 48 Bridge Street, Alice Lodge (46) Milliner and her daughter, Rachel (21) Milliner, both born in Ramsbottom. Her sister, Ann Haslam (57) Milliner, born in Ramsbottom.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Mrs Alice Lodge, Milliner, 48 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory – Alice Lodge. Milliner, 48 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 48 Bridge Street, Joseph Hilton (29), Confectioner & Beer Off Licensee, born in Whitefield, Lancashire and his wife, Elizabeth (31) Beer Assistant. Their daughters, Mary (10) and Beatrice A. (6), all born in Radcliffe, Lancashire. Niece - Martha A. Taylor (5) born in Crumpsall, Lancashire.

1896 – Death of William Grime (41) registered in Ramsbottom. Husband of Jane Nickson, married 1880 in Garstang.

1901 Census – 48 Bridge Street, Jane Grime, widow (56) Shopkeeper, Confectioners, born in Preston. Her children, Mary A. Nickson (30) Shopkeeper Assistant, born in Preston, Oswald Nickson (27) Shopkeeper Manager, Richard Nickson (25) Labourer, Jane Nickson (22) Bread Maker, Rose Grime (18) Bread Maker, all born in Garstang, John Grime (15) Bread Maker, born in Edenfield and Florence Grime (10) born in Ramsbottom.

1911 Census – 48 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory – F. Nickson, Confectioners, Bakery & Dining Rooms, 48 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Oswald Nickson, Confectioner, 48 Bridge Street & 196 Bolton Street. Telephone No 73.

1937 - Advert in the Ramsbottom Advertiser Friday 20th August 1937, Nickson's, Leading Bakers & Confectioners.

1955 - J. Stott, Wines and Spirits.

1970s - Galleon Wine, Off Licence.

1978 – Winelands, Off Licence.

1990s - Augustus Barnett, Off Licence.

1996 – Victoria Wines, Off Licence.

2010 - Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary Charity Shop, 48 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary Charity Shop, 48 Bridge Street.

Wide Ginnel to Prince Street

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Wide Ginnel to Prince Street

50 Bridge Street

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This block was described as '8 cottages', later became shops.

Built c.1850 - Grade 2 listed building.

1851 Census – Bridge Street, Rachel Bins (49) Char Woman, born in Bury.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Henry Rhodes (24) Pawnbroker, born in Middleton and wife, Mary Ann (29), born in Taristock, Suffolk. Their daughter, Elizabeth (1) born in Bury.

1866 – Burial of Hannah Barlow (10 months) on 10th June 1866 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of Richard Barlow & Catharine. Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Richard Barlow, Pawnbroker & Clothier, 50 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 50 Bridge Street, Richard Barlow (30) Pawnbroker & Clothier, born in Leigh, Lancashire and his wife, Catherine (32) born in Chowbent. Their children, John Woodward Barlow (7) and William (3) both born in Ramsbottom. Visitor – Sarah Horrocks (37) born in Bury. Servant – Ann Heyes (33) born in Warrington.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Richard Barlow, Tailor, Draper and Pawnbroker, 50 & 58 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 50 Bridge Street, Richard Barlow (40) Pawnbroker & Clothier and his wife, Catherine (42) Pawnbroker and Clothier, both born in Leigh, Lancashire. Their children, John Woodward Barlow (17) Scholar, and William (13) Scholar, both born in Ramsbottom. Servant – Jane Walker (53) Housekeeper, born in Leese, Lancashire.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Richard Barlow, Tailor & Pawnbroker, 50 & 58 Bridge Street.

1885 Electoral Registrar- Richard Barlow, Abode, 50 Bridge Street. House and Shop, 50 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - Richard Barlow, Pawnbroker & Jeweller, 50 Bridge Street. Also, Insurance agent for Alliance, Commercial Union, Employers' Liability Assurance Corp., General Assurance, London Assurance Corp., Northern Accident, Norwich Union, Queen's, Royal & Royal Exchange.

1888 Slater's Directory - Richard Barlow, Tailor & Clothier, 58 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 50 Bridge Street, No Entry.

1901 Census – 50 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1911 Census – 50 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - William Barlow, Pawnbroker. 50 & 58 Bridge Street.

1921 Census – 50 Bridge Street, Gilbert, Bertha, Ralph and 1 other.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory – George Marshall, Pawnbroker, 50 Bridge Street.

1930s - Nickson's Café, Oswald Nickson's was one of the classier cafes, catering for commercial staff rather than millworkers. The Art Deco decoration can still be seen over the door and windows.

1937 – Advert in Ramsbottom Advertiser, 20th August 1937, Nickson's Baker and Confectioner, Bridge Street and Bolton Road.

1955 NW Counties of England Directory – Nickson's Café, 50 Bridge Street.

Wilburns TV & Radio, closed 1960.

Monks, Gramophone Specialists, 80 King Street, Bury and 50 Bridge Street. See Record Sleeve.

1969/70 Official Guide Ramsbottom – "The Grill Bar Café, 50 Bridge Street."

1973 – M. Tuer, Café.

Win Sings, Chinese Takeaway.

Yummys, Chinese Takeaway. Closed 2017.

2018 – Signature, Bar and Eatery. Opened October 2018. Front door, in Bridge Street blocked up, side entrance used.

2019 – Signature, Bar and Eatery. Closed Summer 2019.

2021 – Zumu Sushi Bar, opens. Door in Bridge Street reopened.

Present - Zumu Sushi Bar, 50 Bridge Street.

52 Bridge Street

50 to 58 Bridge Street was described as '8 cottages', which later became shops

Built c.1850 - Grade 2 listed building.

1860 – Marriage of William Henry Riley (24) Book Keeper, Stubbins Lane to Elizabeth Sharples (30) Bridge Street on 20th October 1860 at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. Groom's father: Thomas Riley, Sawyer. Bride's father: Thomas Sharples, Reed Maker. Witness: William Sharples and Sam Cunliffe.

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1861 Census – Bridge Street, William H. Riley (25) Bookkeeper and Draper and his wife, Elizabeth (33) both born in Haslingden.

1861 – Birth of Alice Jane Riley, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Sharples.

1863 – Birth of Thomas Sharples Riley, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Sharples.

1868 – Marriage of James Mooney to Martha Curran at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1871 Census – 52 Bridge Street, James Mooney (26), Merchant Tailor & Draper, born in Tottington and his wife, Martha (26) born in Accrington. Their children, Francis J. (2) and Mary C. (1) both born in Tottington.

Servant – Fanny Curran (11) House Servant, born in Accrington.

1874 – Death of Martha Mooney, registered in Holcombe.

1875 – Marriage of James Mooney to Anna Maria Gallagher at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1877 – Birth of Vincent Mooney, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Gallagher.

1879 – Birth of Augustine Mooney, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Gallagher.

1880 Barrett's Directory - James Mooney, Tailor & Draper, 52 Bridge Street.

1881 – Birth of William Turner Mooney, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Gallagher.

1881 – Death of William Turner Mooney (0) registered in Holcombe.

1881 Census – 52 Bridge Street, James Mooney (36) Merchant Tailor, employing 4 men and 1 woman, born in Tottington and Annie Marian (31) born in Dublin. Their children, Francis Joseph (12) Scholar, Mary Clare (11) Scholar, both born in Tottington, James (9) Scholar, Vincent (3) Scholar and Augustine (1) all born in Ramsbottom. Mother, Mary Mooney (66) Housekeeper, born in Ireland. Servant, Catherine Lawlor (19) born in County Wicklow, Ireland.

1882 – Birth of Ambrose Mooney, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Gallagher.

1883 Barrett's Directory - James Mooney, Tailor & Draper, 52 Bridge Street and Bury.

1884 – Birth of William Herbert Mooney, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Gallagher.

1885 – Birth of Mary Agnes Mooney, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Gallagher.

1887 – Birth of Robert Mooney, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Gallagher.

1888 Slater's Directory - James Mooney, Tailor, 52 Bridge Street.

1889 – Birth of Bernard Mooney, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Gallagher.

1891 Census – 52 Bridge Street, James Mooney (46), Merchant Tailor, born in Tottington and his wife Annie M. (40) born in Ireland. Their children Mary C. (21) Tailoress, born in Tottington, James (19) Tailor, Vincent (13), Augustine (12), Ambrose (8), William (7), Mary A. (5), Robert (4) and Bernard (2), all born in Ramsbottom. His widowed mother, Mary Mooney (75) born in Ireland.

1891 – Death on Mary Mooney (74) registered in Holcombe.

1891 – Birth of Joseph Mooney, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Gallagher.

1891 – Death on Joseph Mooney (1) registered in Holcombe.

1892 – Death of Robert Mooney (5) registered in Holcombe.

1897 - Advert from Stephens & MacKintosh Business Street Map of Ramsbottom – James Schofield, Pianos, Organs, Watches and Clocks, 52 Bridge Street.

1901 Census – 52 Bridge Street, Stephen Schofield (36) Watchmaker and Jeweller, born in Ramsbottom and his wife, Alice A. born in Edenfield. Their children. Frederick (11) born in Edenfield and Harold (9) born in Ramsbottom.

1904 – Birth of Lena Schofield, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Kay.

1911 Census – 52 Bridge Street (6 rooms), James Schofield (45) Shopkeeper, Watches, Clocks and Jewellery, born in Strongstry and his wife, Alice Ann (47) born in Edenfield. Their children, Fred (21) Optician, born in Edenfield, Harold (19) Clock and Jewellery Repairs, born in Stubbins and Lena (7) born in Ramsbottom.

“The opening of the ‘transforming chamber’ in Paradise Street on 20th August 1910 was heralded as ‘a new era in the social and industrial annals of Ramsbottom’. Low tension mains from the transformer were at first carried along both sides of Bolton Street as far as Cross Street, down both sides of Bridge Street to the railway station, and up Carr Street to the works of the Shuttleworth Weaving Co which were to be driven by electricity as well as having electric lights. The first premises to be actually lit from the new supply were the shops of John Ormerod Haworth, ironmonger, at 15, Bolton Street (who was appointed the power company’s district agent) and James Schofield, watchmaker and jeweller at 52, Bridge Street. The Rams bottom

Observer noted that 'those premises were, during the evening, the rendezvous of a large number of people who exhibited no small interest in the advent of the new illuminant.' The paper went on to say 'we are pleased to learn that a number of other business firms in the town have placed orders for the electrification of their premises. 'Clearly electric light had come to stay, but gas put up a determined fight: many of the Council's Street lights continued to be gas-lit until the 1950s.'

from RHS Magazine No 11 Summer 1995. Written by John Simpson, Tor View Farm, Helmshore.
1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - J. Schofield, Music and Musical Instruments, 52 Bridge Street.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 52 Bridge Street, James Schofield.

1915 – Advert in the Ramsbottom Observer (08/01/1915) for Fits-U Eyeglasses supplied by Fred Schofield, D.B.O.A., 52 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory – F. & H. Schofield, Watchmaker and Optician, 52 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register, 52 Bridge Street, Fred Schofield. Abode: 15 Nuttall Hall Road, Ramsbottom. Harold Schofield and Lizzie Clarkson Schofield.

1939 Register – 52 Bridge Street, Frank Isherwood (38) Watchmaker & Jeweller and Elsie Isherwood (38) Unpaid Domestic Duties.

1953 Coronation RUDC Official Programme of Celebrations – List of addresses of special coronation window displays – F. Isherwood, 52 Bridge Street.

1977 - Round Penny Boutique.

1990s - Little Holcombe Books, Elisabeth Sykes' Children's Books.

1997 - Trains Unlimited, Model Railway Specialists.

1990s - Felicity Hat Hire, opens, see photo.

2009 – Bootiful Shoes.

2010 - Hushmoon, Ladies Fashion, 52 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

2022 - Hushmoon, Ladies Fashion, closes.

2002 – All About Me Boutique, 52 Bridge Street, opens.

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54 Bridge Street

Built c.1850 Grade 2 listed building.

It was described as '8 cottages', which later became shops.

1850s - Richard Booth, Baker.

1857 – Marriage of Richard Booth (26) to Sarah Ann Kay (36) on 19th February 1857 at St. Marys Church, Bury.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Richard Booth (30), Grocer & Shopkeeper and his wife, Sarah Ann (40). His sister, Betty Booth (23), Servant, all born in Bury.

1871 Census – 54 Bridge Street, Richard Booth (40), Grocer, born in Haslingden and his wife, Sarah A. (50), born in Bury. Their adopted daughter, Margaret Ann Fell (15) born in Yorkshire.

1880 Barrett's Directory – Richard Booth, Grocer, 54 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 54 Bridge Street, adopted daughter, Margaret Ann Fell (24) Shop Assistant, born in Bolland, Yorkshire.

1882 – Burial of Richard Booth (51) on the 16th January 1882 at Emmanuel, Church, Holcombe.

1883 Barrett's Directory – Ralph Vause, Confectioner and Baker, 54 Bridge Street.

1884 – Marriage of Stephen Plunkett to Elizabeth Kemp, at Hyndburn Register Office or Registrar attended.

1885 – Birth of Sarah Ann Plunkett, registered at Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Kemp.

1888 Slater's Directory - Stephen Plunkett, Baker, 54 Bridge Street.

1888 – Birth of Edith Plunkett, registered at Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Kemp.

1890 – Birth of Albert Plunkett, registered at Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Kemp.

1891 Census – 54 Bridge Street, Stephen Plunkett (31) Bread & Biscuit Baker, born in Wymondham, Norfolk and his wife Elizabeth (31), born in Blackburn. Their children,, Sarah A (5), Edith (3) and Albert (1), all born in Ramsbottom.

1891 – Birth of Stephen Plunkett, registered at Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Kemp.

1892 – Death of Elizabeth Plunkett (32) registered in Holcombe.

1901 Census – 54 Bridge Street, Stephen Plunkett, widow (41) Shopkeeper and Baker, born in Wymondham, Norfolk. His children, Sarah A. (15), Edith (13) and Albert (11), all born in Ramsbottom.

1910 Electoral Register – Stephen Plunkett, 54 Bridge Street.

1911 Census – 54 Bridge Street (6 rooms), Jane Kay, widow (46) Confectioner Maker, born in Bury. Her children, Fred (24) Assisting in Business and Anne (21) Assisting in Business, both born in Shuttleworth.

1913 NW Counties of England Directory - S. Plunkett, Confectioner & Baker, 54 Bridge Street.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 54 Bridge Street, Edward Burgess.

1917 – Death of Private Edward Burgess (21), Service No 35422, 2nd/8th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, died of wounds on 19th November 1917, buried at Potijze Chateau Grounds Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. The son of Edward & Sarah Ann Burgess, 54 Bridge Street.

1921 Census – 54 Bridge Street, Edward Burgess, his wife, Sarah A., Norman and 2 others.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory – Edward Burgess, Confectioner, 54 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register, 54 Bridge Street, Edward, Norman and Sarah Ann Burgess.

1939 Register – 54 Bridge Street, Wilfred Burgess (51) Confectioners Cake Shop and his wife, Harriet Burgess (48). Marjorie Burgess (16) Scholar.

1939 – Thomas Ashworth of 54 Bridge Street, died 12th January 1939 (Gov Probate), left £163 1s 6d to William Henry Ashworth, retired Optician.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 54 Bridge Street, Wilfred and Harriet Burgess.

1973 – R. Forrester, Confectioner.

1990s – Country Hamper, delicatessen and coffee shop.

2017 - Room 54, Café, 54 Bridge Street, opens, 28th November 2017. Owners Dale & Jackie Paterson.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

2023 – Room 54, Café, 54 Bridge Street, owners Dale & Jackie Paterson sell up and close on 14th January 2023.

Present - Room 54, Café, 54 Bridge Street.

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56 Bridge Street

Built c.1850. Grade 2 listed building.

It was described as '8 cottages', which later became shops.

1858 – Marriage of William Sharples to Mary Ann Pitfield at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, William Sharples (31) Master Blacksmith and Ironmongers?, employing 1 man, born in Haslingden and his wife, Mary Ann (25) born in Bury.

1865 – Birth of Ada Alice Sharples, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Pitfield.

1871 Worrall's Directory - James H. Cooper, Boot and Shoemaker, 56 Bridge Street.

1880 Barrett's Directory - William Cooke, Hatter, 56 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 56 Bridge Street, William Cooke (42) Hatter, born in Stockport, Cheshire and his wife, Hannah (42) born in Ashton Under Lyne. Their children, Ann Elizabeth (19), Jane Mary (11) Scholar, Wilfred (9) Scholar, all born in Denton, Lancashire, Clara (6) Scholar, born in Ramsbottom.

1883 Barrett's Directory - William Cooke, Silk & Felt Hat Manufacturer, 56 Bridge Street.

1885 Electoral Registrar- William Cooke, Abode, 56 Bridge Street. House and Shop. 56 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - William Cooke, Hatter, 56 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 56 Bridge Street, William Cooke (52) Hatter, born in Stockport, Cheshire and his wife Hannah (51) born in Ashton, Lancashire. Their children, Jane Mary (21) Assistant Schoolmistress, Wilfred (19) Paper Finisher, both born in Denton Lancashire and Clara (16) Paper Sorter, born in Ramsbottom.

1901 Census – 56 Bridge Street, James S. Heyes (32) Hatter, born in Glossop, Derbyshire and his wife, Caroline (35) born in Shuttleworth. Their children, Harold (4) and Edith (2) both born in Bury.

1903 Advert – “For immediate disposal, the old established Gent’s Outfitting Business at 56 Bridge Street Ramsbottom, doing a nice trade, established upwards of 30 years.” Warrington Examiner, 28th November 1903.

1911 Census – 56 Bridge Street (4 rooms), George Billington (47) Hatter (Dealer) and his wife, Mary Ann (48). Their children, Jane (22) Calico Weaver Cotton Mill, George Ernest (19) Bookkeeper Cotton Bleach Works and Bessie (17) Assisting in Business (Hatter), all born in Ramsbottom.

1911 – Marriage of Jacob Entwistle (25) Card Room Overlooker, 43 Cross Lane, Holcombe to Jane Billington (23) Cotton Weaver, 56 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom on 20th November 1911 at Patmos Chapel, Peel Brow, Ramsbottom. Groom’s father: John Entwistle, Quarryman. Bride’s father: George Billington, Hatter. Witness: George Billington, Walter Entwistle and Bessie Billington.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 56 Bridge Street, George Billington.

1918 – Marriage of Harry Whittaker Hartley (27) Gunner 61395 R.G.A. (Royal Garrison Artillery) (Grocer) 169 Bacup Road, Cloughfold to Bessie Billington (24) 56 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom on 5th March 1918 at Patmos Chapel, Peel Brow, Ramsbottom. Groom’s father: James Hartley, deceased, Draper. Bride’s father: George Billington, Gent’s Outfitters. Witness: Geo. Billington, J. Hartley and L. Hoyle.

1918 – Death of George Billington (54) registered in Ramsbottom.

1918 – Death of Mary Ann Billington (55) registered in Ramsbottom.

1920 – Birth of Mary Hartley, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother’s maiden name: Billington.

1920s – 2 photos of a bowler hat and label “Harry Hartley, “Where Men Shop”, Ramsbottom & Rawtenstall.”

1921 Census – 56 Bridge Street, Harry W., Bessie and Mary.

1921 – 1922 Blotter Calendar Year Book St. Paul’s Church, advert for “H. Hartley Mens Wear, 56 Bridge Street”.

1924 Kelly’s Lancs Directory – Harry Hartley, Outfitter, 56 Bridge Street.

1927 – Advert in Ramsbottom Advertiser, 20th August 1927, E. Russell & Son, Auctioneers, Valuers and Estate Agents, 56 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register, 56 Bridge Street, Harry Hartley and Bessie Hartley.

1939/40 Electoral Register – 56 Bridge Street, Harry Whittaker Hartley. Abode: 51 Bury New Road.

58 Bridge Street

Built c.1850 Grade 2 listed building.

The rooms above were used as a Liberal Club.

1850 Heap’s Directory - Ebenezer Alston, Grocer.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Ebenezer Alston, Shopkeeper, Bridge Street.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1871 Worrall’s Directory - Edwin Davy & Sons, Drapers & Hatters, 58 Bridge Street & Accrington.

1880 Barrett’s Directory - Richard Barlow, Tailor, Draper and Pawnbroker, 50 & 58 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 58 Bridge Street, No Entry.

1883 Barrett’s Directory - Richard Barlow, Tailor & Pawnbroker, 50 & 58 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater’s Directory – Richard Barlow, Tailor & Clothier, 58 Bridge Street. (Also, at 50 Bridge Street).

1897 – Advert for R. Barlow, Clerical, Military and Civilian Tailor, 58 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 58 Bridge Street, No Entry.

1901 Census – 58 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1910s Advert – William Barlow, for Suitable and Useful Christmas Presents. Specialities Oak Tree Underwear and the New Furry Lined Overcoat at 58 Bridge Street.

1911 Census – 58 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - William Barlow, Tailor (also at 50 Bridge Street).

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - William Barlow, Tailors. 58 Bridge Street. Telephone No 118.

1934 Electoral Register, 58 Bridge Street, William Barlow. Abode: 54 Bury New Road, Ramsbottom.

1934 Electoral Register, 58a Bridge Street, Office, Robert William Butcher. Abode: St. Mary's Place, Bury.

1934 Electoral Register, 58a Bridge Street, Office, Richard Maxwell Barlow. Abode: "Hawthorne" 45 Bury New Road.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 58 Bridge Street, William Barlow. Abode: 54 Bury New Road, Ramsbottom.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 58a Bridge Street, Office, Robert William Butcher. Abode: St. Mary's Place, Bury.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 58a Bridge Street, Office, Richard Maxwell Barlow. Abode: "Hawthorne" 45 Bury Road.

1955 - William Barlow, Outfitter.

56 to 58 Bridge Street

1953 Coronation RUDC Official Programme of Celebrations – List of addresses of special coronation window displays – W. & D. Scholes, Bridge Street.

1977 – W. & D. Scholes, Women's Clothing.

2009 – Removal of canopy along the front of the shops.

2015 – W. & D. Scholes, closed.

2016 - Velvet Boutique, Exclusive Ladies Wear, opened.

2018 – Velvet opened a second shop at 15/17 Bridge Street, former NatWest Bank.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Velvet Boutique, Exclusive Ladies Wear, 56 & 58 Bridge Street.

Junction of Silver Street

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Junction of Silver Street

60 Bridge Street

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1810 Map – Labelled No 5 - The Print Shop below and the Dry House above. The Old Dry House, used by the Methodists for their services until 1925 when they moved to Market Place.

Built 1829.

1833 – Baptism of John Markland, son of Richard, and Betty at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe on the 29th December 1833. Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Shopkeeper.

1841 Pigot & Slater Directory – Richard Markland, Shopkeeper, Water Street, Ramsbottom.

1841 Census – Water Street, Richard Markland (55) Grocer and his wife, Betty (45). Their children, William (15) Engraver, Eliza (15), James (10), John (7), all born in Lancashire.

1850 Heap's Directory – Richard Markland, Grocer, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1851 Census – Water Street, Richard Markland (62), Provision Dealer, Draper and Slater, born in Eccles and his wife, Betty (55), born in Bury. Their children, William (29) Engraver, Eliza (24) Servant, James (20) Shop Man, John (17) Draper and granddaughter Betsy Stanfield (6) Scholar, all born in Bury.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Richard Markland, Shopkeeper, Bridge Street.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Richard Markland (72) Grocer, born in Patricroft, his wife Betty (65), children, Eliza (33), John (26) and granddaughter Betsey Stanfield (16) Scholar, all born in Bury.

1861 – Baptism of Evelyn Mary Wood Renshaw (born 27th April 1861) on 29th April 1861 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of James Renshaw and Eliza. Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom. Occupation: Draper.

1862 – Burial of Richard Markland (74) on the 17th October 1862 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode - Bridge Street. Cause of death – Disease of the Stomach.

1863 - Baptism of Charles Edward Renshaw (born 21st July 1863) on 2nd August 1863 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of James Renshaw and Eliza (nee Wood). Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Draper.

1869 – Marriage of George Thorpe (21) School Master, Holcombe and Mary Priscilla Wood (24) 60 Bridge Street on 24th August 1869 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Groom’s father: John Thorpe, Post Master. Bride’s father, John Wood, Sketch Maker. Witness: John Thorpe, Mary Elizabeth Thorpe, Eliza Renshaw and Elijah Chambers.

1870 - Baptism of Gertrude Isabel Renshaw (born 14th February 1870) on 6th March 1870 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of James Renshaw and Eliza (nee Wood). Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom. Occupation: Draper.

1871 Worrall's Directory - James Renshaw, Draper, 60 & 62 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 62 Bridge Street, James Renshaw (35) Draper and his wife Eliza (34) both born in Holcombe. Their children, Evelyn M. (9) Scholar, Charles E. (7) Scholar, Gertrude I. (1) all born in Ramsbottom. Servant – Elizabeth A. Haworth (16) born in Whalley, Lancashire.

1874 - Baptism of John Harry Thorpe Renshaw (born 10th February 1874) on 1st March 1874 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of James Renshaw and Eliza (nee Wood). Abode: Ash Mount, Holcombe. Occupation: Draper.

1880 Barrett's Directory - James Renshaw, Draper; 60 Bridge Street. Home: Ash Mount, Tanners Street, Ramsbottom.

1880 - Baptism of Amy Beatrice Renshaw (born 23rd January 1880) on 1st February 1880 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of James Renshaw and Eliza (nee Wood). Abode: Ash Mount, Holcombe. Occupation: Draper.

1881 Census – 60 Bridge Street, No Entry.

1882 – Marriage of Henry Foster (25) School Master, St Andrews, Ramsbottom to Evelyn Mary Wood Renshaw (20) Holcombe on 13th April 1882 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Groom’s father: William Foster, Engineer. Bride’s father: James Renshaw, Draper. Witness: Charles Edward Renshaw and Ann Quartley Carter.

1883 Barrett's Directory - James Renshaw, Draper; 60 Bridge Street Home: Ash Mount, Tanners Street, Ramsbottom.

1885 Electoral Register – James Markland, 190 Bolton Street, Copyhold houses for a term of 60 years. 60, 62 and 64 Bridge Street, and 2, 4, 6 and 8 Silver Street.

1885 – Marriage of Charles Edward Renshaw (21) Student of Divinity, Marsden to Mary Lucy Ashworth, Holcombe on 2nd December 1885 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Groom’s father: James Renshaw, Draper. Bride’s father: William Ashworth, deceased, Manufacturer. Witness: Frederick Eugene Perrin and Sarah Gregory.

1888 Slater's Directory - James Renshaw, Draper, 60 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 60 Bridge Street, James Renshaw (55) Draper, born in Holcombe. His wife Eliza (54) born in Ramsbottom. Their children, Gertrude I. (21), John H.T. (17) and Amy B. (11) all born in Holcombe. Servant - Emma Ward (21), born in Staffordshire.

1901 Census – 60 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1902 – Marriage of Charles Shaw to Ethel Worsley at Bucklow, Cheshire.

1907 – Birth of Mary Shaw, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother’s maiden name: Worsley.

1910 – Birth of Charles Edward Shaw, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother’s maiden name: Wensley.

1911 Census – 60 Bridge Street (4 rooms), Charles Shaw (33) Grocer Provision Dealer, born in Knutsford, Cheshire and his wife, Ethel (30) Assisting in Business, born in Cheadle, Cheshire. Their children, Mary (2) and Charles Edward (1), both born in Ramsbottom.

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - Charles Shaw, Grocer, 60 Bridge Street.

1915 – Birth of Alice Shaw, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother’s maiden name: Worsley.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 60 Bridge Street, Charles Shaw.

1921 Census – 60 Bridge Street, Charles Shaw, Ethel, Mary and 3 others.

1921/1922 Blotter Calendar Year Book St. Paul’s Church, Advert for Charles Shaw’s High-Class Grocer, 60 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Charles Shaw, Grocer, 60 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register, 60 Bridge Street, Shop, Charles Shaw and Ethel Shaw. Abode: 412 Manchester Road, Bury.

Memories of Shaw's.

"As a boy he worked at Shaw's Grocers Shop, 60 Bridge Street. I worked every Thursday evening (If it was school holidays I worked all day Monday) and I used to take out orders, they were nearly all to Victoria Street, Albert Street and Tanners Street. I got a shilling a week for doing that which helped me to buy my bicycle.

So, tell us more about the grocer's shop.

The butter just used to come in big chunks, what was that like?

It came from Denmark or Northern Germany, not British butter. Empire butter was looked down upon, it was rather yellow. The most popular one was Danish. It came in big square and you used to cut it up, half pound, six ounces, four ounces or whatever you wanted. It was in a wooden box with paper inside.

Sugar came in 2 cwt sacks and flour the same. There was no instant coffee and coffee beans had to be ground and biscuits didn't come pre-packed. All round the shop were tins, pound tins with their lids on and if you wanted assorted biscuits you took some out of there and some out of there. And you didn't use tongs, you used your fingers to do it. And no sell by date!

Did the biscuits come to the shop in tins? Oh, they came in a 7lb tin. You put them on at night when you finished ... They were on a shelf that ran round the counter.

What else would you sell?

Raisins, currants and sugar were all weighed out in 2lb or 1lb bags. That was one of the jobs I used to do on a Monday, weighing sugar out, and it was always in a blue bag, a very stiff blue bag. They were terribly heavy. They used to bring them up from railway station because I couldn't lift a 2cwt sack of sugar.

What else did you sell at Charlie Shaw's? Did you sell any cooked meat?

Not that I can remember.

What about tea?

Oh yes, tea. That was weighed out too. It came in tea chests with the foil lining.

So, did the coffee come in something like that?

I can't remember how the beans came, because they were beans you see, coffee beans. You didn't have a choice of Columbia and all the rest of it. They were just coffee beans, you know, and all the shops had a coffee grinder. They'd grind it as you waited, put it in a bag which I never could master. You rolled it up, it was tapered, conical... They gave you sweets like that, twist them round

And then they twisted the knot at the top end. Everything was manual.

I was going to ask about bacon and eggs, did you sell them?

A lot of confectioners sold eggs. They'd have a big bowl of eggs in the window.

And were those eggs from local farmers?

I presume that was it yes but I never was a buyer. They definitely had the lion on them.

We had a bacon slicer. They sold all the main groceries you know, the main staples but they didn't have the ranges of a supermarket, that's obvious.

So, you had a counter, and everything was sold from the counter was it? And somebody served you

And then you used to put people's orders up. They used to send their list in, used to leave a list of what you wanted like shopping. It was the same every week, really. It didn't vary much, did it.

We sold cheese in Shaws?

Was that Cheshire sterilised milk?

No, it wasn't. I don't know when Cheshire started coming in, I don't remember it because a lot of milk was delivered by milkmen in those days you know. By farmers, Whitewell Dairies and the Co-op used to have a big dairy. Stand in Smithy Street, looking at the Royal Cinema (Theatre). Go down that side street there and the Co-op Dairies was down there at the back of the Co-op."

Memories of Harry Sharkey (Born 1923)

1939/40 Electoral Register, 60 Bridge Street, Shop, Charles Shaw and Ethel Shaw. Abode: 412 Manchester Road, Bury.

1953 Coronation RUDC Official Programme of Celebrations – List of addresses of special coronation window displays – Wilson’s, 60 Bridge Street.

1955 – Wilsons, Grocers.

2003 - Schofields closes.

2003 - Mannings Confectioners, Sandwich Shop, 60 Bridge Street.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Mannings Confectioners, Sandwich Shop, 60 Bridge Street.

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62 Bridge Street

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Built 1829.

1845 – Baptism of Sarah Joy (born 10th January 1845) on 2nd March 1845 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe.

Daughter of Richard Joy and Alice (nee Hutchinson) Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Basket Maker.

1847 – Birth of Thomas Joy, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Hutchinson.

1848 – Burial of Thomas Joy (infant) on 25th January 1848 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1849 – Baptism of Nancy Joy (born 4th January 1849) on 18th February 1849 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of Richard Joy and Alice (nee Hutchinson) Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Skip Maker.

1851 Census – Water Street, Richard Joy (29) Basket Maker, born in Bury and his wife, Alice (30) Power Loom Weaver Cotton, born in Ringley, Lancashire. Their children, Sarah (7) Scholar and Nancy (2) both born in Bury.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, William Wallwork (50) Slater, his wife, Margaret (51) and their daughter Alice (14) Cotton Weaver. Son in Law, widow, Jonathon Heaton (30) Cotton Calico Printer, all born in Bury. Grandson, William Heaton (10) born in Baxenden.

1862 - Burial of Ellen Wallwork (85) on 17th September 1862 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Cause of death - Old Age. Abode - Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1865 – Burial of William Wallwork (53) on 10th April 1865 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe.

1863 – Baptism of Charles Edward Renshaw (born 21st July 1863) on 2nd August 1863 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of James Renshaw and Eliza (nee Woodward). Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Draper.

1870 – Baptism of Gertrude Isabel Renshaw (born 4th February 1870) on 6th March 1870 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of James Renshaw and Eliza (nee Woodward). Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom. Occupation: Draper.

1871 Worrall's Directory - James Renshaw, Draper at 60 & 62 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 62 Bridge Street, James Renshaw (35) Draper and his wife, Eliza (34), both born in Holcombe. Their children, Evelyn M. (9) Scholar, Charles E. (7) Scholar and Gertrude I. (1) all born in Ramsbottom.

Servant – Elizabeth A. Haworth (16) General, born in Whalley, Lancashire.

1880 – Baptism of Amy Beatrice Renshaw (born 23rd January 1880) on 1st February 1880 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of James Renshaw and Eliza (nee Woodward). Abode: Ash Mount, Holcombe. Occupation: Draper.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Ralph Vause, Confectioner, 62 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 62 Bridge Street, Ralph Vause (44) Confectioner, born in Horwich, Lancashire and his wife, Elizabeth (40) Confectioner’s Wife, born in Unsworth, Lancashire. Their children, Josiah (11) Scholar, Herbert

(9) Scholar, Ralph William (6) Scholar, Edith (4) Scholar and Ann (2) all born in Ramsbottom. Servant – Mary Ann Clark (16) General Domestic, born in Wellington, Shropshire.

1882 – “5th October 1882, Richard Barlow commenced work at Ramsbottom Post Office. Complement at Ramsbottom Post Office on 1st January 1883. Mr. T. Hedley – Postmaster, Mrs Hedley – Telegraphist, Mr. J. Kenyon – Telegraph Messenger, Mr. W. P. Olive, Postman, Mr. J. Davenport – Postman and Mr. R Barlow – Postman.”

From The Diary of Richard Barlow. A Ramsbottom Postman 1882 to 1925.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Post, Money Order and Telegraph Offices, 62 Bridge Street, Thomas Hedley, Postmaster.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Thomas Hedley, Chemist & Druggist, 62 Bridge Street.

1885 Electoral Register – James Markland, 190 Bolton Street, Copyhold houses for a term of 60 years. 60, 62 and 64 Bridge Street, and 2, 4, 6 and 8 Silver Street.

1888 Slater's Directory – Thomas Hedley, Chemist & Druggist, 62 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 62 Bridge Street, Thomas Hedley (51) Chemist, Druggist & Postmaster, born in Whalley and his wife, Mary Hedley (44) born in Ramsbottom. Sarah Jane Hedley (22) Telegraph Clerk & Assistant, born in Gobowen, Shropshire.

1892 – Death of Mary Hedley (45) registered in Holcombe.

1892 Map – Property labelled “Post Office”.

1894 – Baptism of John Herbert Hedley (born 22nd January 1894) on 16th February 1894 at St. Paul’s Church, Ramsbottom. Son of Thomas Hedley and Sarah Jane. Abode: 62 Bridge Street. Occupation: Chemist and Postmaster.

1901 Census – 62 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1911 Census – 62 Bridge Street (3 rooms), James Whittaker (40) Tripe Dresser, born in Edenfield and his wife, Frances (40) Assisting in Business, born in Ramsbottom. Their son, C. A. Whittaker (19) Assisting in Business. Brother, Fred Whittaker (30) Assisting in Business, both born in Ramsbottom.

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - James Whittaker, Tripe Dresser.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 62 Bridge Street, James Whittaker.

1915 – Marriage of Charles Richard Whittaker (23) Tripe Dresser, 62 Bridge Street, and Emily Savina Buckley (30), 24 Tanners Street on 15th November 1915 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Groom’s father: James Whittaker, Tripe Dresser. Bride’s father: John Buckley, Weaver. Witness: William Henry Eastwood and Edith Mary Jane Buckley.

1916 – Private Charles Whittaker (24), Lancashire Fusiliers of Bridge Street,

1917 – Death of Lance Corporal Charles Richard Whittaker (25) Service No 26925, 8th Battalion, Border Regiment on 6th June 1917 buried at St. Quentin Cabaret Military Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium. Son of Mr and Mrs James Whittaker of Ramsbottom; husband of Emily Savina Whittaker, of 24 Tanners Street, Ramsbottom.

1917 – Lance Corporal Whittaker, son of James Whittaker, Tripe Dresser, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom was killed in Action from Manchester Evening News (16th June 1917)

1921 Census – 62 Bridge Street, James Whittaker, Nancy, Elizabeth and 1 other.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory – James Whittaker, Tripe Dresser.

1925 – See advert for Sharrock & Nuttall, Wholesale & Retail Tripe Dressers, 62 Bridge Street.

1927 – Marriage of James William Whittaker to Annie Gathergood at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1933 – Birth of Eileen Whittaker, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother’s maiden name: Gathergood.

1934 Electoral Register, 62 Bridge Street, Levi and Jane Whittaker.

1939 Register – 62 Bridge Street, James W. Whittaker (39) Tripe Dresser and ARP Warden, Annie Whittaker (41) Shop Assistant and 1 other person.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 62 Bridge Street, James and Annie Whittaker.

1973 – Velco Electronics.

Ramsbottom TV, closed November 2017

2018 - Tea Atelier, quality loose leaf tea Café.

Ramsbottom Heritage Society

2020 - Tea Atelier closed 23rd March 2020, because of Covid Pandemic. Decided in June not to reopen.

2020 – Freddy's, Chicken and Pizza, 62 Bridge Street, opened December 2020.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Freddy's, Chicken and Pizza, 62 Bridge Street.

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64 Bridge Street

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Built 1829.

1840 – Baptism of Richard Aspinall (born 6th October 1840) on 22nd November 1840 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of Thomas Aspinall and Alice. Abode: Redlees. Occupation: Spinner.

1844 - Baptism of Samuel Pilling Aspinall (born 13th June 1844) on 25th August 1844 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of Thomas Aspinall and Alice (nee Pilling). Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Weaver.

1845 - Burial of Samuel Pilling Aspinall (infant) on 9th January 1845 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1850 - Baptism of Mary Ann Aspinall (born 7th September 1850) on 13th October 1850 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Son of Thomas Aspinall and Alice (nee Pilling). Abode: Ramsbottom. Occupation: Weaver.

1851 Census – Water Street, Thomas Aspinall (32) Power Loom Weaver Cotton, born in Preston and his wife, Alice (31) Power Loom Weaver Cotton, born in Bury. Their children, Richard (10) Scholar and Mary A. (6 months) both born in Bury.

1861 – John Wallwork married Nancy Dewhurst at Bury Registry Office.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, John Wallwork (22) Cotton Weaver and his wife Nancy (19) Cotton Weaver, both born in Bury.

1870 – Birth of Josiah Vause, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Entwistle.

1871 Census – 64 Bridge Street, Ralph Vause (34) Confectioner, born in Horwich, Lancashire and his wife, Elizabeth (30) born in Pilsforth. Their son, Josiah (1) born in Ramsbottom.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Ralph Vause, Confectioner, 64 Bridge Street.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Davy & Sons, Tailors and Drapers, 64 Bridge Street, and Accrington.

1881 Census – 64 Bridge Street, No Entry.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Davy & Sons, Tailors & Outfitters, 64 Bridge Street.

1885 Electoral Register – James Markland, 190 Bolton Street, Copyhold houses for a term of 60 years. 60, 62 and 64 Bridge Street, and 2, 4, 6 and 8 Silver Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - John Ormesher, Hairdresser, 64 Bridge Street.

1891 Census - 64 Bridge Street, No Entry.

1901 Census – 64 Bridge Street, William Neabard (45) Master Shoe and Boot Maker, born in Yaxley, Suffolk and his wife, Jane (45) born in Horham, Suffolk. Boarder – Charles Shaw (23) Grocer Shopkeeper, born in Knutsford, Cheshire.

1911 Census – 64 Bridge Street (3 rooms), William Neabard (54) Boot, Shoe and Clog Maker, born in Yaxley, Suffolk and his wife, Jane (55) Assisting in Business, born in Horham, Suffolk.

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - William Neabard, Watchmaker & Boot and Shoemakers, 64 Bridge Street.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 64 Bridge Street, William Neabard.

1921 Census – 64 Bridge Street, William Neabard and his wife, Jane.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - William Neabard, Watchmaker, 64 Bridge Street.

1939 Register – 64 Bridge Street, Arthur Hewitt (52) Retail Shoe Dealer & Repairer and ARP Warden and his wife, Sarah E. Hewitt (56) Domestic Duties. Their children, Harry (31) Compositor Printer and Alfred (17) Insurance Clerk.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 62 Bridge Street, Arthur, Sarah Elizabeth and Harry Hewitt.

1950 - Jim Broughton (late Hewitts), Shoe Shop. (He also played cricket for Ramsbottom CC).

1969/70 Official Guide Ramsbottom – “Ramsbottom Tradesmen’s Association: Hon. Sec., Mr. R. Wilson, 64 Bridge Street.”

1988 - Ken Rose Shoes, closed 1995

1996 - Purple Tiger, Gift and Jewellery Shop.

2007 – Weale & Hitchon, Estate Agents.

2009 – The Cultured Bean Store, selling gourmet coffee, tea and chocolate. They also owned, The Cultured Bean Café at 9e Bridge Street.

2015 - Little Goody New Shoes, Independent Children's Shoe Shop, 64 Bridge Street. Opens.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

2021 - Little Goody New Shoes, Independent Children's Shoe Shop, 64 Bridge Street. Closed 31st December 2021.

2022 – Amore, Jewellers, 64 Bridge Street.

66 Bridge Street

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Built 1829.

1848 – Marriage of John Walmsley to Jane Sharples at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1849 – Birth of Alice Ann Walmsley, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Sharples.

1851 Census – Water Street, John Walmsley (27) Sawyer and his wife, Jane (27). Their daughter, Alice (2). Brother, Joseph Walmsley (15) Turner Print Works, all born in Bury.

1851 – Birth of Mary Ellen Brearley, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Wallwork.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Jas Bearley, Tailor, Bridge Street.

1854 – Birth of Nancy Brearley, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Wallwork.

1856 – Burial of Nancy Brearley (2) on 23rd May 1856 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Daughter of James & Ellen Brearley of Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1856 – Birth of John Brearley, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Wallwork.

1860 – Birth of Martha Brearley, registered in Holcombe. Mother’s maiden name: Wallwork.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, James Brierley? (41) Tailor, born in Bolton, his wife Ellen (40). Their children Joseph (16) Hooker of Cotton Cloth, Elizabeth (14) Cotton Weaver, Robert (12) Cotton Weaver, Mary Ellen (10) Scholar, John (5) Scholar and Martha (10 months), all born in Bury. Mother-in-Law, Ellen Wallwork, Widow (82), born in Barton, Lancashire.

1864 – Burial of Martha Brearley (4) on 6th July 1864 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1870 – Marriage of Abraham Duckworth (full) Sadler, Ramsbottom to Rebecca Jane Heap (full) Haslingden on 1st September 1870 at St. James Church, Haslingden. Groom’s father: Robert Duckworth, Steward. Bride’s father: Joseph Heap, Stone Merchant. Witness: Adam Dentith and Susan Leach.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Abraham Duckworth, Saddler, 66 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 66 Bridge Street, Alice Duckworth, widow (56) born in Buckden. Her children, Mary A. (28) Cotton Weaver, Alice (23) Cotton Weaver, Eliza (16) Cotton Weaver, Abraham Duckworth (21) Saddler Harness Maker, all born in Stubbins and his wife, Rebecca J. (20) born in Ramsbottom.

1880 – Death of Alice Duckworth (34) registered in Holcombe.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Abraham Duckworth, Saddle and Harness Maker, 66 Bridge Street. Home: 75 Bolton Street.

1881 Census – 66 Bridge Street, no info must be a lock up shop.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Abraham Duckworth, Saddle and Harness Maker, 66 Bridge Street.
 1885 - Death of Alice Duckworth (71) registered in Holcombe.
 1888 Slater's Directory - William Ingham, Saddler, 66 Bridge Street.
 1891 Census - 66 Bridge Street, No Entry.
 1901 Census – 66 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.
 1911 Census – 66 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up)
 1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - William Ingham, Saddler, Harness & Collar Maker, 66 Bridge Street.
 1920s Advert - W.N. Grandidge, Saddler, Harness & Collar Maker, 66 Bridge Street.
 1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Wilfred N. Grandidge, Saddler, Harness & Collar Maker, 66 Bridge Street.
 1987 - Bridge Savers, Cut Price Specialists, Clocks, Fancy Goods and Toys.
 2002 - Earth Mother Health Store - Independent Health, Beauty & Wellbeing Boutique.
 2010s – Earth Mother Soul Sister.
 2019 - Life Store opens December 2019.
 2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.
 Present - Life Store – Wellbeing, Life & Home Goods, 66 Bridge Street.

68 Bridge Street

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 1844 – Birth of Selina Greenwood, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Holt.
 1847 – Birth of Thomas Greenwood, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Holt.
 1850 Heap's Directory – Henry Greenwood, Tin Plate Worker, Bridge Street.
 1850 – Birth of William Henry Greenwood, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Holt.
 1851 Census – Water Street, Henry Greenwood (37) Master Tin Plate Worker employing 1 Apprentice, born in Colne and his wife, Martha (37). Their children, James (13) Tin Plate Worker Apprentice, Mary A. (8), Selina (6), Thomas (3) and William Henry (8 months), all born in Bury.
 1853 Whellan's Directory - Henry Greenwood, Braziers & Tinsplate Workers, Ramsbottom.
 1853 – Birth of George Greenwood, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Holt.
 1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Henry Greenwood, Braziers & Tinsplate Workers, Bridge Street.
 1861 Census – Bridge Street, Benjamin Wild (32) Chipper at Iron Foundry, born in Bury. His wife Alice (28), born in Newton Heath. Their daughter, Rachel (4), born in Bury.
 1871 Census – 68 Bridge Street, No Entry.
 1880 Barrett's Directory - John Butterworth, Grocer, 68 Bridge Street. Home: Bank Lane.
 1881 Census – 68 Bridge Street, No Entry.
 1883 Barrett's Directory - John Butterworth, Grocer, 68 Bridge Street. Home: Peel Brow.
 1888 Slater's Directory – John Butterworth, Grocer, 68 Bridge Street. Home: 100 Peel Brow.
 1891 Census – 68 Bridge Street, No Entry.
 1901 Census – 68 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.
 1911 Census – 68 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up)
 1920s Advert – F. Sutcliffe, Tea & Coffee Specialist, Bridge Street, 9 Bolton Road and Railway Street, Summerseat. See Advert.
 1924 Kelly's Lancashire Directory - Francis Henry Sutcliffe, Grocer, 9 Bolton Road West, Grocer and Confectioner, 68 Bridge Street.
 1934 Electoral Register, 68 Bridge Street, Francis Henry Sutcliffe and Jane Sutcliffe. Abode: 350 Brandlesholme Road, Bury.
 1939/40 Electoral Register, 68 Bridge Street, Harry Proctor. Abode: 58 Peel Brow.
 1973 – Beryl Rogers, Ladies hairdresser.
 1980s Hair Fashions.
 2012 - Avanti Hair Salon, 68 Bridge Street.
 2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Avanti Hair Salon, 68 Bridge Street.

70 Bridge Street

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1853 – Marriage of William Parkinson (full) Designer, Ramsbottom to Elizabeth Roe (full) Ramsbottom on 4th August 1853 at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Bury. Groom's father: Francis Parkinson, Farmer. Bride's father: John Roe, Printer. Witness: David Simpson (X) and Ra. Crompton.

1854 – Birth of Jan Ann Parkinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Roe.

1855 – Birth of John Roe Parkinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Roe.

1857 – Birth of Francis William Parkinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Roe.

1859 – Birth of Elizabeth Parkinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Roe.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, William Parkinson (31) Linen Draper, born in Blackburn and his wife, Elizabeth (29) born in Bury. Their children, Jane Ann (6) Scholar, John Roe (5), Francis William (3) and Elizabeth (1) all born in Bury.

1861 – Birth of Robert Parkinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Roe.

1864 – Birth of Ernest Parkinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Roe.

1865 – Birth of Lilian Parkinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Roe.

1867 – Burial of Lilian Parkinson (18 months) on 5th January 1867 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe.

Daughter of William Parkinson & Elizabeth. Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1871 Worrall's Directory - William Parkinson, Collector for Ramsbottom Local Board Office, Bridge Street.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Levi Lever, Grocer, 70 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 70 Bridge Street, Levi Lever (33) Grocer, born in Eccles and his wife, Phoebe (38) born in Holcombe.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Levi Lever, Grocer and Provision Dealer, 70 Bridge Street.

1880 – Birth of Jane Elizabeth Sarah Booth Cowgill, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Allen.

1881 Census – 70 Bridge Street, Jonas Cowgill (29) Grocer, born in Yorkshire, his wife, Amelia Jane (24) Grocers Wife, born in Ramsbottom and their daughter, J.E.S.B. Cowgill (8 months) born in Ramsbottom. Servant, Sarah Ann Bailey (11) Nurse, born in Manchester.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Francis Smith, Grocer, 70 Bridge Street. Home: 85 Bolton Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - Francis Smith, Grocer, 70 Bridge Street.

1901 Census – 70 Bridge Street, Uninhabited.

1911 Census – 70 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up)

1913 NW Counties of England Directories - Oldham & Co., Glass and China Dealer, 70 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancashire Directory - Oldham & Co., Tea Dealer, 70 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register, 70 Bridge Street, Shop, Charles Oldham. Abode: 190 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 70 Bridge Street, Henry Oldham. Abode: 5 Brooklands Road West.

1980s - The Post Office. See photos.

Bury Hospice, Charity Shop, 70 Bridge Street. Bury Hospice admitted its first patients on 24th June 1991.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present day - Bury Hospice, Charity Shop, 70 Bridge Street.

Junction of Square Street

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Junction of Square Street

72 Bridge Street

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1851 Census – Water Street, John Hollis (26) Provision Dealer and Clogger and his wife, Mary (32) House Maid, both born in Bury.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, James Renshaw (25) Linen Draper, his wife Eliza (24), his mother-in-Law, Mary Wood (49) and Sister-in-Law, Mary Priscilla Wood (15), all born in Bury,

1861 – Baptism of Evelyn Mary Wood Renshaw (born 27th April 1861) on 29th April 1861 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, Child of James Renshaw and Eliza. Occupation: Draper. Abode Bridge Street.

1865 – Marriage of John Hanson (21) Traveller, Market Place, Blackburn to Ellen Riley (23) Ramsbottom on 2nd September 1865 at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. Groom's father: William Hanson, Labourer. Bride's father: James Riley, Weaver. Witness: W.H. Riley and H. Sharples.

1871 Worrall's Directory - John Hanson, Draper, 72 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 72 Bridge Street, John Hanson (27) Draper and his wife, Ellen (29) Milliner, employing 1 woman, both born in Ramsbottom..

1880 Barrett's Directory - John Hanson, Draper, 72 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 72 Bridge Street, John Hanson (36) Draper and his wife, Ellen (37) Drapers Wife, both born in Ramsbottom. Servant, Emily Pitman (17) Domestic Servant, born in Deains, Wales. Niece, Lilly J. Morven (6) born in Stalybridge, Lancashire.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Jonas Cowgill, Grocer and Provision Dealer, 72 Bridge Street.

1885 Electoral Registrar- Jonas Cowgill, Abode, 72 Bridge Street. House and Shop. 72 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - Jonas Cowgill, Grocer, 72 Bridge Street.

1911 Census – 72 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - Anderton & Greenwood, Grocers, 72 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Anderton's Stores, Grocers, 72 Bridge St. Telephone No 179 – They ground their own coffee.

1934 Electoral Register, 72 Bridge Street, Shop, Herbert and Catherine Margaret Sheldon. Abode: 267 Holcombe Road, Greenmount.

1934 Electoral Register, 72 Bridge Street, Shop, Edmund and Margaret Ellen Whittaker. Abode: 23 Fern Terrace, Haslingden.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 72 Bridge Street, Shop, Herbert and Catherine Margaret Sheldon. Abode: 267 Holcombe Road, Greenmount.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 72 Bridge Street, Shop, Edmund and Margaret Ellen Whittaker. Abode: 23 Fern Terrace, Haslingden.

1955 NW Counties of England Directory - Anderton's Stores, Grocers, 72 Bridge Street.

1980s – See photo.

2004 – New shop front fitted for Dr S. B. Nulty, Dentist,

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Dental Surgery, Dr. Stephen Nulty BDS (Manc.), 72 Bridge Street.

74 Bridge Street

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1850 Heap's Directory – Thomas Taylor, Shopkeeper, Bridge Street.

1851 Census – Water Street, Thomas Taylor (45) Provision Dealer and Licensed Hawker and his wife, Betty (50). Their children, Thomas (22) Servant and David (18) Calico Printer, all born on Bury.

1853 Whellan's Directory – Thomas Taylor, Shopkeeper, Ramsbottom.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Thomas Taylor, Shopkeeper, Bridge Street.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – John Hollis, Shopkeeper, Bridge Street.

1854 – Birth of Thomas Hollis, registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Chapman.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, John Hollis (35) Grocer, his wife Betsy (28) and their son, Thomas (6) Scholar, all born in Bury.

1864 – Birth of Mary Jane Hollis, registered at Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Chapman.

1871 Worrall's Directory - John Hollis, Grocer, 74 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – Bridge Street, John Hollis (45) Grocer and his wife, Betsy (38). Their children, Thomas (16) Joiner and Mary J. (7) all born in Ramsbottom.

1878 - Burial of John Hollis (52) on 28th April 1878 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe.

1880 Barrett's Directory - Mrs. Betsy Hollis, Grocer, 74 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 74 Bridge Street, Betsy Hollis, widow (48) Grocer and her daughter, Mary Jane (16) Assistant, both born in Ramsbottom.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Mrs. Betsy Hollis, Grocer, 74 Bridge Street.

1888 Slater's Directory - Betsy Hollis, Grocer, 74 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 74 Bridge Street, Betsy Hollis (58) Grocer, born in Ramsbottom.

1898 – Burial of Betsy Hollis (65) on 25th April 1898 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode - 74 Bridge St.

1909 photograph - Herbert Dearden and his wife Eliza, dressed in white, just peeping out of the doorway.

1911 Census – 74 Bridge Street (3 rooms), Herbert Dearden (37) Hairdresser, born in Manchester and his wife, Eliza (37) Assisting in Business, born in Holcombe.

1913 NW Counties of England Directory - Harry Dearden, Hairdresser, 74 Bridge Street.

1914/16 Electoral Register – 74 Bridge Street, Herbert Dearden.

1915 Electoral Register, Herbert Dearden, 74 Bridge Street.

1920 – *“15th March 1920. Removal of Mr. H. Dearden, Hairdresser, 74 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom to Wrea Green, near Kirkham”.*

From 'The Diary of Richard Barlow. A Ramsbottom Postman 1882 to 1925'.

1921 Census – 74 Bridge Street, Fred H. Esther E., Alice E. and 2 others.

1921/1922 Blotter Calendar Year Book St. Paul's Church, advert for “Fred Lord (Late Dearden) 74 Bridge Street, Umbrellas Re-covered.”

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory – Fred Lord, Hairdresser, 74 Bridge Street.

1934 Electoral Register, 74 Bridge Street, Fred Hopkinson Lord. Abode: 18 Park Avenue, Ramsbottom.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 74 Bridge Street, Fred Hopkinson Lord. Abode: 18 Park Avenue, Ramsbottom.

1960 – Mr Williams, 74 Bridge Street, Newspaper Advert for Bury Football Season Tickets 1960-1961 for sale.

1970s - Halifax Building Society.

1980s – Cornerstones, Estate Agents and Halifax Building Society.

2016 - Pearson Ferrier, Estate Agents, 74 Bridge Street. See photo.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

Present - Pearson Ferrier, Estate Agents, 74 Bridge Street.

76 Bridge Street

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1839 – Marriage of Edward Hill (full) Crofter, Walmersley to Ann Kenyon (X) (full) Walmersley on 1st January 1839 at St. Mary's Church, Bury. Groom's father: James Nuttall, Fuller. Bride's father: John Kenyon, Garmer. Witness: William Kershaw and Ra. Crompton.

1841 – Birth of Elizabeth Hill, registered in Walmersley. Mother's maiden name: Kenyon.

1844 – Birth of Alice Hill, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Kenyon.

1846 - Death of Alice Hill (1), registered in Holcombe.

1846 – Birth of Alice Hill, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Kenyon.

1850 Heap's Directory – Edward Hill, Beerseller, Ramsbottom.

1851 Census – Water Street, Edward Hill (36) Crofter and Beer Seller and his wife, Ann (46). Their children, Betty (9) Scholar and Alice (4) Scholar, all born in Bury.

1853 Whellan's Directory – Edward Hill, Beerhouse, Ramsbottom.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Edward Hill, Beerhouse, Bridge Street.

1855 – Marriage of Joseph Chapman to Alice Howarth at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1856 – Baptism of Haworth Chapman (born on 26th October 1855) on 6th January 1856 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, Child of Joseph and Alice Chapman. Occupation: Greengrocer. Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1858 – Baptism of Elizabeth Chapman (born on 27th February 1858) on 2nd May 1858 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, Child of Joseph and Alice Chapman. Occupation: Greengrocer. Abode: Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

1861 – Baptism of John Thomas Chapman (born on 23rd October 1860) on 6th January 1861 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, Child of Joseph and Alice Chapman. Occupation: Greengrocer. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Joseph Chapman (31) Greengrocer, his wife Alice (30), their children, Haworth (5) Scholar, Elizabeth (3) Scholar, John Thomas (3 months) & Cousin, Elizabeth Chapman (12) Scholar, all born in Bury.

1862 – Baptism of Joseph Chapman (born on 6th May 1862) on 6th July 1862 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, Child of Joseph and Alice Chapman. Occupation: Greengrocer. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1864 – Baptism of Henry Chapman (born on 13th June 1864) on 11th September 1864 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, Child of Joseph and Alice Chapman. Occupation: Greengrocer. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1864 – Burial of John Thomas Chapman (3) on 11th September 1864 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Joseph Chapman, Greengrocer, 76 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 76 Bridge Street, Joseph Chapman (41) Grocer & Farmer of 3 ½ acres, born in Ramsbottom and his wife, Alice (40), born in Edgeworth. Their children, Haworth (15), Joseph (8) and Henry (6), all born in Ramsbottom.

1876 – Marriage of Thomas Castle to Elizabeth Chapman at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1877 - Birth of Alice Castle, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Chapman.

1880 – Burial of Joseph Chapman (50) on 15th September 1880 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1881 Census – 76 Bridge Street, Alice Chapman, widow (50) Fruitgrocer?, born in Edgeworth, Lancashire. Her children, Howarth (25) Fruitgrocer and Joseph (19) Fruitgrocer, both born in Ramsbottom. Niece, Susannah Howarth (11) Servant, born in Manchester. Granddaughter, Alice Castle (4) born in Ramsbottom. Niece, Mary Elizabeth Chapman (21) Weaver, born in America.

1883 Barrett's Directory - Mrs. Alice Chapman, Fruiterer and Fishmonger, 76 Bridge Street.

1885 – Marriage of Joseph Chapman to Mary Alice Whitworth at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1885 – Birth of William Chapman, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Whitworth.

1888 Slater's Directory – Alice Chapman, Fruiterer, 76 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 76 Bridge Street, Alice Chapman, widow (61) Greengrocer, born in Edgeworth, Lancashire. Her children, Howarth Chapman (35), Greengrocer, born in Ramsbottom and Susannah Chapman (21) Greengrocer, born in Salford, Lancashire. Lodger - Alexander Waddicar (67), Labourer at Print Works, born in Edgeworth, Lancashire.

1892 – Birth of Lizzie Chapman, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Whitworth.

1901 Census – 76 Bridge Street, Joseph Chapman (38) Fruiterer Green, and his wife, Mary Alice (39) both born in Ramsbottom. Their children, Henry (12) and Lizzie (8) both born in Ramsbottom.

1911 Census – 76 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory – T. Walmsley, Wholesale Hay and Straw Dealer, Fruiterer; also, Potato Merchant, 76 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Dir - Thomas Walmsley, Fruiterer, 76 Bridge Street. Telephone No 75. Eric Onslow worked for them.

1934 Electoral Register, 76 Bridge Street, Shop, Thomas Walmsley. Abode: 405 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 76 Bridge Street, May Rose Walmsley. Abode: 405 Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom.

1955 - T. Walmsley, Fish & Chip Shop.

1996 – The Olive Grove, Fruit and Vegetable Shop.

2015 - The Hungry Duck, Bistro, 76 Bridge Street, opens.

2019 – The Hungry Duck awarded a Michelin Plate Award.

2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.

2021 - The Hungry Duck owners decided to close, November 2021.

2021 - The Hungry Duck, Bistro, 76 Bridge Street is going to reopen 17th December 2021, after the Head Chef, Tom Morgan and his partner, Ellen Cunningham bought out the previous owners. Name changed to Colleen's after Tom's Grandmother.

Present – Colleen's, 76 Bridge Street.

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78 Bridge Street

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Until the early 1900s it was 'The Shoulder of Mutton' public house. The narrow street, Back Square Street, up the side of 78 was commonly known as 'Shitten Alley'.

1851 Census – Water Street, Uninhabited.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Thomas Melling (59) Beer Seller, born in Bury, his wife Mary Melling (51) born in Belmont, Lancashire. Boarder - William Studds (33) Steam Boiler Maker, born in Staffordshire.

1864 – Burial of Thomas Melling (62) on the 8th February 1864 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Mary Melling, Beer Retailer, 78 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – Shoulder of Mutton, 78 Bridge Street, Mary Melling, widow (62) Beerhouse Keeper, born in Belmont. Niece – Alice Nuttall (35) Cotton Weaver, born in Ramsbottom. Visitor – Martha Horridge (69) born in Shuttleworth.

1876 – Marriage of William Hutchinson to Elizabeth Jane Wallis at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1879 – Birth of John Wallis Hutchinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Wallis.

1880 Barrett's Directory - John Wallis, Beerhouse, 'Leg of Mutton', 78 Bridge Street.

1881 – Birth of Louis Hutchinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Wallis.

1881 Census – 78 Bridge Street, John Wallis, widow (57) Beerseller, born in Castleton, Lancashire. His Son in Law, William Hutchinson (29) Cotton Weaver and his wife, Elizabeth Jane Hutchinson (24) Housekeeper, born in Shuttleworth, Lancashire, their children, John Wallis Hutchinson (2) and Louis Hutchinson (1 month)

born in Ramsbottom. Servant – Sarah Jane Trickett (44) born in Rossendale.
1883 Barrett's Directory - John Wallis, Beerhouse, 'Shoulder of Mutton', 78 Bridge Street.
1884 – Birth of William Hutchinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Wallis.
1886 – Birth of Joseph Hutchinson, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Wallis.
1888 Slater's Directory - James Ormerod, Beer Retailer, 78 Bridge Street.
1891 Census - 78 Bridge Street, 'Shoulder of Mutton' - James Ormerod, single (25) Beer Seller, born in Ramsbottom.
1895 – Baptism of Mary Knowles (born 30th June 1895) on 1st July 1895 at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. Daughter of George Knowles and June. Abode: Shoulder of Mutton, Bridge Street. Occupation: Paper Man.
1895 – Marriage of John William Pearson to Sarah Leach at Rochdale Register Office or Registrar attended.
1896 – Birth of George William Pearson, registered in Haslingden. Mother's maiden name: Leach.
1896 – Baptism of George William Pearson (born 18th July 1896) on 19th August 1896 at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. Son of John William Pearson and Sarah. Abode: Shoulder of Mutton, Bridge Street. Occupation: Striker.
1899 – Shoulder of Mutton, owned by Crown Brewing Co. Ltd, Rochdale Road, Bury.
1901 Census – 78 Bridge Street, Patrick Mulvee (46) Beer Seller, Publican and his wife Margaret (32?) both born in Ireland. Their children, Margaret Ann (19) Cotton Winder, John (17) Cotton Weaver, Catherine (15) Cotton Spinner, Michael (13) Tenter in Cotton Works, Half Time, William (5), Jane (4) and Agnes (3) all born in Edenfield. Boarder – Michael Parker (38) Cooper, born in Ireland.
1911 Census – 78 Bridge Street (5 rooms), James Farron (42) Draper (Small) born in Shuttleworth and his wife, Rhoda Sophia (38) born in Stubbins. Their children, Norah (6) Irene (2) and Eric (1) all born in Ramsbottom.
1913 NW Counties of England Trade Directory - J. Farron, Draper, 78 Bridge Street.
1914/16 Electoral Register – 78 Bridge Street, James Farron.
1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Herbert C. Burrow, Bootmaker, 78 Bridge Street.
1934 Electoral Register, 78 Bridge Street, Shop, Isaac Johnson and Lilian Johnson.
1934 - Advert in the Ramsbottom Advertiser Friday 16th November 1934: I. Johnson, Chiropodist, 78 Bridge Street.
1939 Register – 78 Bridge Street, Isaac Johnson (49) Chiropodist & Shoe Sales and his wife, Lilian Johnson (39) Unpaid Domestic Duties. Their daughter, Agnes (14) Scholar.
1939/40 Electoral Register, 78 Bridge Street, Shop, Isaac and Lilian Johnson.
1950's Advert – Your figure problem solved Corsetry Designed-to-Measure by Strodex. Miss A. Johnson, Ladieswear, 78 Bridge Street.
2008 - Munroe Greenhalgh, Insurance Brokers, 78 Bridge Street.
2020/21 – Closed for most of the year because of the Covid pandemic.
Present - Munroe Greenhalgh, Insurance Brokers, 78 Bridge Street.

Junction of Back Square Street

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Junction of Back Square Street

80 Bridge Street

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80 Bridge Street

1843 – Birth of Elizabeth Whittaker, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Holt.

1848 – Birth of William Henry Whittaker, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Holt.

1851 Census – Water Street, John Whittaker (39) Calico Printer and his wife, Mary (37) Power Loom Weaver Cotton. Their children, Elizabeth (7) Scholar and William (2), all born in Bury.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, John Whittaker (52) Bread Baker, his wife Mary (48) their children, Elizabeth (17) Cotton Weaver and William (12) Scholar, all born in Bury.

1871 – Burial of Mary Whittaker (60) on 29th March 1871 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1871 Worrall's Directory - John Whittaker, Baker, 80 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 80 Bridge Street, John Whittaker, widow (63) Baker. His children, Elizabeth (27) Weaver and William (21) Glazier. His sister – Sarah Wilson (55) Visitor, all born in Ramsbottom.

1880 Barrett's Directory - John Whittaker, Baker, 80 Bridge Street.

1881 Census – 80 Bridge Street, John Whittaker, widow (74) Breadmaker, born in Ramsbottom. His children, Elizabeth (32) Confectioner and William (28) Plumber, both born in Ramsbottom.

1883 Barrett's Directory - John Whittaker, Baker, 80 Bridge Street.

1884 – Burial of John Whittaker (75) on 16th May 1884 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

1888 Slater's Directory - Elizabeth Whittaker, Baker, 80 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 80 Bridge Street, Elizabeth Whittaker (47) Bread Baker and her brother, William H. Whittaker (42) Plumber, both born in Ramsbottom.

1897 Advert from Stephens & MacKintosh Business Street Map of Ramsbottom – Holt Bros, for Boots & Clogs, also at 53 Bridge Street.

1911 Census – 80 Bridge Street, Shop (Lock Up).

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Mrs Hilda Aspinall, Outfitter, 80 Bridge Street.

1927 – Advert in Ramsbottom Advertiser, 20th August 1927, Taylor's Women's Clothes shop, 80 Bridge Street.

1930s – Rushton Pickup, Piano Shop.

1934 Electoral Register, 80 Bridge Street, Rushton and Edith Pickup.

1934 - Advert in the Ramsbottom Advertiser Friday 16th November 1934: Rushton Pickup, Music Shop, 80 Bridge Street.

1939 Register –80 Bridge Street, Vacant.

1939/40 Electoral Register, 80 Bridge Street, Rushton and Edith Pickup. Harris Henry. Abode: 2 The Priory, Broughton, Manchester.

1950's - Margerison's Footwear Service, 80 Bridge Street. See advert.

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82 Bridge Street

1841 Census - Bridge Street, Betty Diggle (45) Cook Shop and her son, James (8) both born in Lancashire.

1851 Census - Water Street, Betty Diggle (58) Bread Baker and her son, James (17) Piece Hanger Print Works, both born in Bury.

1861 Census - Bridge Street, Betty Diggle, Widow (68), Bread Baker & Confectioner, born in Bury. Sold Penny Pies and Hot Peas.

1869 – Birth of James Diggle, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Kirkman.

1871 Worrall's Directory - Betty Diggle, Baker, 82 Bridge Street.

1871 Census – 82 Bridge Street, Betty Diggle, widow (78) born in Bury. Her son, James (37) Blacksmith, born in Holcombe and his wife, Alice (34) born in Preston. Their children, Elizabeth (12) Scholar, Samuel (10) Scholar, John (7) Scholar, all born in Preston and James (1) born in Ramsbottom.

1879 - Burial of Betty Diggle (87) on 24th December 1879 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: Ramsbottom.

84 Bridge Street

1833 – Marriage of Thomas Peel, Hairdresser, the Chapelry of Haslingden to Mary Ann Ashworth, Bury on 19th February 1833 at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury. Witness: Ra. Crompton and Thos. Leigh Crompton.

1837 – Death of Jane Peel, registered in Holcombe.

1839 – Birth of Henry Peel, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Ashworth.

1840s – Thomas Peel started his Hairdressing business.

1840 – Death of Henry Peel (1), registered in Holcombe.

1841 Census – Ramsbottom, Thomas Peel (25) Hairdresser and his wife, Mary (25). Their daughter, Sarah (7), all born in Lancashire.

1841 – Birth of William Ashworth Peel, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Ashworth.

1843 – Death of William Ashworth Peel (3), registered in Holcombe.

1844 – Birth of Robert Peel, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Ashworth.

1846 – Birth of Selina Peel, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Ashworth.

1850 Heap's Directory – Thomas Peel, Hairdresser, Ramsbottom.

1851 Census – Water Street, Ramsbottom Thomas Peel (37) Barber, born in Rochdale and his wife, Mary A. (35) born in Haslingden. Their children, Sarah A. (17) Stitcher Print Works, born in Haslingden, Robert (6) Scholar and Selina (5), both born in Bury.

1853 Whellan Directory – Thomas Peel, Hairdresser, Ramsbottom.

1854 Directory of Mid-Lancashire – Thomas Peel, Hairdressers, Bridge Street.

1861 Census – Bridge Street, Thomas Peel (45) Shaver & Hair Dresser, born in Rochdale and his wife, Mary J. (43), born in Bacup. Their children, Robert (17) Cotton Printers Finishing Rover and Selina (15) Cotton Printer Stitcher, both born in Bury.

1861 Drake's Directory – Thomas Peel, Hairdresser, Bridge Street.

1866 – Marriage of John Sutcliffe to Sarah Horrocks at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom.

1867 – Birth of Albert Sutcliffe, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Horrocks.

1871 Worrall's Directory - John Sutcliffe, Hairdresser.

1871 Census – 84 Bridge Street, John Sutcliffe (51) Hairdresser, born in Kildare, Ireland and his wife, Sarah (37) born in Pilkington, Lancashire. Their children, George E. Horrocks (10) Scholar, born in Pilkington, Albert Sutcliffe (3) Scholar and Rachel A. Sutcliffe (9 months) both born in Bury.

1872 – Death of Racheal Ann Sutcliffe (1) registered in Holcombe.

1873 – Birth of Elizabeth Sutcliffe, registered in Holcombe. Mother's maiden name: Horrocks.

1880 Barrett's Directory - John Sutcliffe, Hairdresser & Tobacconist, 84 Bridge Street.

82 & 84 Bridge Street

1881 Census – 82 & 84 Bridge Street, John Sutcliffe (65) Hairdresser, born in County Kildare, Ireland and his wife, Sarah (45) born in Unsworth, Lancashire. Their children, Albert (13) Weaver and Elizabeth (7) Scholar, both born in Ramsbottom. Lodgers – William Conroy (28) Plumber, born in Bradford, Yorkshire, John Preston, widow (42) Overlooker Cotton, born in Preston, John Whitehead (26) Weaver, born in Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire and Robert Walsh (17) Weaver, born in Crawshawbooth, Lancashire.

1883 Barrett's Directory - John Sutcliffe, Hairdresser, 82 & 84 Bridge Street.

1884 – Death of John Halstead Sutcliffe (38) registered at Holcombe.

1885 – Marriage of Albert Sutcliffe to Rebecca Wolstenholme at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1888 Slater's Directory - Sarah Sutcliffe, Baker, 82 & 84 Bridge Street.

1891 Census – 82 & 84 Bridge Street, Sarah Sutcliffe, widow (55) Bread Baker, born in Pilkington, Lancashire. Her daughter, Elizabeth Sutcliffe (17) Bread Baker, born in Ramsbottom.

1897 – Marriage of Joseph Rothwell to Elizabeth Sutcliffe at Bury Register Office or Registrar attended.

1899 – Birth of Gladys Rothwell, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Sutcliffe.

1901 Census – 82 & 84 Bridge Street, Sarah Sutcliffe (66), Confectioner, born in Pilkington, Lancashire. Son in Law, Joseph Rothwell (31) Painter & Decorator, his wife, Elizabeth (27) and their daughter, Gladys (2) all born in Ramsbottom.

1902 – Birth of Thomas Rothwell, registered in Ramsbottom. Mother's maiden name: Sutcliffe.

1905 Electoral Roll – Jane and Deborah Dewhurst, 82 & 84 Bridge Street.

1911 Census – 82 & 84 Bridge Street (3 rooms, 1 kitchen and 2 bedrooms), Jane Dewhurst (58) Baker and her sister, Deborah Dewhurst (56) Baker, both born in Holcombe. Nephew – Tom Snowden (32) Twister in Cotton Mill, born in Bury.

1913 NW Counties of England - Miss Deborah Dewhurst, Confectioner.

1923 – Burial of Jane Dewhurst (72) on 28th November 1923 at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe. Abode: 82 Bridge Street.

1924 Kelly's Lancs Directory - Miss Deborah Dewhurst, Confectioner.

1934 Electoral Register – 82 & 84 Bridge Street, Shop, John Lester. Abode: Mandiville Terrace, Hawkshaw Lane, Tottington.

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1950's - Lester's Grocers & Provision Dealers, 84 Bridge Street, see advert.

1980s - Building Society.

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